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Standing together as united East End

Community leaders call for EDL march to be banned

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

POLITICAL parties, faith groups, community organisations and trade unions have come together in solidarity to oppose a proposed demonstration by a far right group.

Members of the English Defence League (EDL) are planning to demonstrate in Tower Hamlets this Saturday, September 7, with a march past the East London Mosque and London Muslim Centre in Whitechapel.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "It has been incredibly rewarding to see the representatives of such a wide range of groups and organisations come together to object to the EDL's plans to march in our borough.

"This support has come from national figures as well as local and community leaders, and truly reflects that our borough is no place for hate.

"I continue to urge the Home Secretary to ban this planned march to ensure we do not expose our residents to the EDL's messages of racism and hate."

The leader of the council's Labour Group, Cllr Sirajul Islam, said: "The EDL threat to march is a clear attempt to fuel hatred and division.

"Politicians of all sides are united in their condemnation of the EDL march and have urged the Home Secretary and police to step in and stop the march taking place.

"The Labour Party is immensely proud of the diverse and vibrant community in Tower Hamlets; we know that we will hold together and not allow the EDL to divide us."

Cllr Peter Golds, leader of the Conservative group, said: "It is wrong for the so-called English Defence League to come to Tower Hamlets and deliberately cause tension.

"The Home Secretary can only ban their march on the recommendation of the Commissioner of the Metropolitan Police.

"I have approached both the Home Secretary and the Commissioner, and trust that they will protect our residents from these unwelcome people."

Respect group leader Cllr Fozol Miah said: "The people of Tower Hamlets have always stood against racism. The EDL is not welcome in our borough. The Home Secretary has to stop the EDL from marching."

In a united message of condemnation against the EDL and support for the community, speakers from political, faith and community groups held a press conference at the London Muslim Centre last Friday to call on residents to demonstrate the solidarity of the borough's communities.

At the meeting, co-ordinated by United East End (UEE), a coalition of campaigning groups, speakers related how through history, communities in Tower Hamlets have lived in harmony.

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Ken's wildlife wonders are inspiring for TV

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

A DISUSED cemetery, which has been transformed into a nature reserve for urban wildlife, will feature in a new television series showcasing the UK's extraordinary flora and fauna.

Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park and its manager Kenneth Greenway, will feature in the BBC wildlife series, Britain's Big Wildlife Revival, which is hosted by ecologist and Countryfile presenter Ellie Harrison.

The woodland park was scheduled to feature on Sunday, September 1.

Series producer Stephen Moss said Ken's appearance, and that of Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park, was inspiring and one of the highlights of the series.

Each episode will focus on a key habitat – rivers, woodland, farmland, coastal, urban and wetland – and the creatures that live there.

They will include three short films fronted by an expert, who showcases the species that need help and how the public can help save them.

On Sunday's programme, Ellie took to London's crowded streets to find out how our urban wildlife copes with living alongside millions of people.

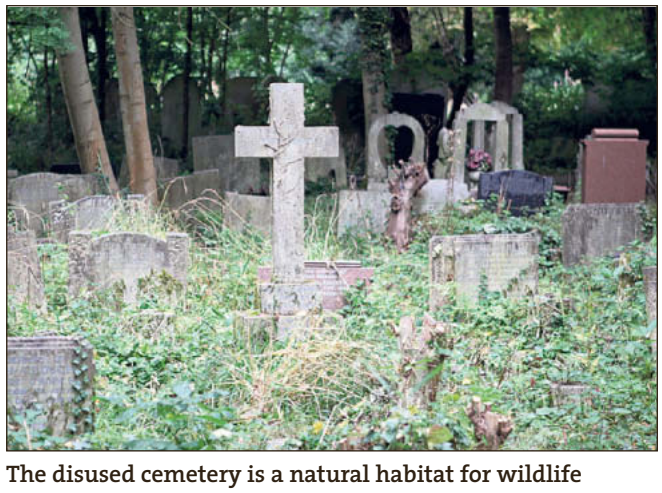
She visited Tower Hamlets Cemetery Park and the London Wetland Centre, near Barnes in Richmond upon Thames where wildlife is thriving.

Ken said: "To feature in a BBC wildlife series is certainly kudos indeed, we really feel very special and proud that we've been noticed by the BBC, and that we'll feature in their new series."

Residents can take part in a walking tour of the cemetery park every third Sunday of the month at 2pm. Meet outside the Soanes Centre, Southern Grove, Mile End.

Visit **www.fothcp.org** for further information.

TV presenter Ellie Harrison with park manager Kenneth Greenway



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"I hope residents take advantage of this free event, which is giving advice, tips and support to get local people into work," cabinet member for jobs and skills, Cllr Shafiqul Haque.

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Crime Q&A

Tower Hamlets Police and Community Safety Board is holding a Q&A session. To book a place call Abu Sufian on...

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News

Idea Store roadshows will offer advice to job hunters

THE first of four employment support roadshows hosted by Idea Stores is being held this week.

Taking place at Idea Store Whitechapel on Wednesday, September 3 from 12-4pm, the event will provide information and guidance from industry experts, including IT and business services provider Agilisys and housing association East Thames.

CV writing workshops will take place from 1-2pm followed by a workshop in the essentials of getting a job from 3-4pm.

Participants will also be able to find out about learning provisions and various schemes including apprenticeships.

Cabinet member for jobs and skills, Cllr Shafiqul Haque, said: "I hope residents take advantage of this free event which is giving advice, tips and support to get local people into work."

Other roadshows will be held on Monday, September 9 at Idea Store Canary Wharf; Friday, September 20 at Idea Store Chrisp Street; and Wednesday, September 25 at Idea Store Bow. All run from 12-4pm.

Visit **www.ideastore.co.uk**, call 7364 4332 or email **Rashed.Belal@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

Ten-year-old Ella and Maurice, 11, enjoy themselves with friends in Mile End Park which hosted a day at the seaside event last Wednesday.

Call for EDL to stay away

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Glyn Robbins, convener of UEE, said: "The EDL does not want to come on a befriending mission. Its message is one of intolerance and potential violence.

"Our community is united and we will stand shoulder to shoulder in opposing the EDL and everything it represents."

The Rev Alan Green, chair of Tower Hamlets interfaith forum, said: "I have been in this borough 15 years.

"The EDL suggests people like me are being oppressed. I'm privileged and proud to live here. I've never felt oppressed.

"It shouldn't be allowed anywhere near Tower Hamlets."

Dilowar Hussain Khan, executive director of the East London Mosque Trust, said: "The Muslim community does not have another home to go – we are part and parcel of society.

"We are playing a positive role in helping to bring up responsible citizens.

"Every community has bad apples and extremists do not represent all Muslims. We want to show our unity – we can live together, side by side."

Other speakers, including Leon Silver of the East London Central Synagogue, Weyman Bennet from Unite Against Facism and Abdullah Faliq of the Islamic Forum of Europe, urged residents to demonstrate their opposition to the EDL in Whitechapel from 11am on September 7.

Residents' question time

BY POPPY TURNER

RESIDENTS have the chance to find out how the police and council are working together to tackle crime at a public Q&A session this Tuesday, September 3.

Organised by the Tower Hamlets Police and Community Safety Board, the topics of discussion will be anti-social behaviour, serious youth violence, re-offending and substance misuse.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "This is an opportunity for residents to influence policing and community safety issues in the borough.

"The council is working hard to make the borough a safer place to live, work and visit.

"Initiatives such as the Dealer a Day programme and the investment in extra Tower Hamlets enforcement officers are making a difference."

The Residents' Question Time will take place at 6.30-8.30pm at Idea Store Watney Market, 260 Commercial Road, E1.

Panel members will include borough police commander Dave Stringer and Andy Bamber, head of safer communities at the council.

Deputy mayor Cllr Ohid Ahmed said: "Partnership working has always been key to the success of reducing crime in the borough.

"The Partnership Taskforce – a joint venture with the Metropolitan Police – resulted in an additional team of 40 police officers on our streets."

To book a place call Abu Sufian on 7364 1613 or email **abu.sufian@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

■ Extra patrols by council and police officers are continuing in the Poplar area in the wake of the recent fatal stabbing of teenager Ajmol Alom.

Police officers from the Partnership Task Force and Tower Hamlets enforcement officers (THEOs) have been in the area since the incident on August 12, and the Rapid Response youth team has been conducting outreach and engagement activities with young people.

A public meeting was held on August 22 at the Teviot Centre in Wyvis Street to provide reassurance to the community and give residents the opportunity to raise any concerns about community safety.

A 19-year-old has been charged with Ajmol's murder and the attempted murder of a 16-year-old. Three men, two aged 21 and one 19, have been arrested and bailed to return in mid-September pending further enquiries.

If you have any information call the police incident room on 8358 0100 or contact Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555111.

News in brief

Fire at maisonette

FOUR fire engines were called to a fire in a maisonette last Thursday, August 29.

Firefighters, from Shadwell, Homerton Kingsland and Walthamstow tackled the blaze in Temple Street, Bethnal Green.

The fire was under control within an hour. The cause is being investigated.

Kick off for charity

EAST London Football League is holding a tournament on Hackney Marshes to raise money for the Stairway to Heaven Memorial Trust in Bethnal Green.

Twenty teams are set to take part this Sunday, September 8, with games starting at 11am.

Become a mentor

A NATIONAL volunteering charity is calling on City professionals to volunteer as mentors to young care leavers.

If you are interested in taking part in City Opportunities Mentoring, visit **www.timebank.org.uk/city-opportunities** or email **rachel@timebank.org.uk**

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Applications are now welcomed for the Tower Hamlets CCG Innovation Bursary Scheme for Winter Planning

An innovation bursary fund is now available to support innovative short-term projects, run by the community and voluntary sector that will benefit the health and wellbeing of our local community throughout the winter months.

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We welcome applications from not-for-profit and voluntary or community groups.

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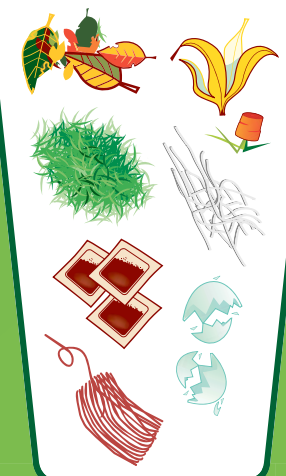

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Join the debate

Do betting shops foster gambling addictions or are they providing a service? Join the debate next week.

SEE BELOW

News

£3,000 drug haul recovered in raid

BY POPPY TURNER

SUSPECTED class A drugs worth an estimated £3,000 were seized in a raid in Whitechapel by council and police officers.

The drugs were discovered when Partnership Task Force (PTF) officers were given a warrant to search a property in Wodeham Gardens on August 22.

As they forced entry into the property, a man in the flat ran to the balcony and threw a plastic box into the road below. The PTF officers recovered it and found a significant quantity of suspected class A drugs inside. Further drugs and a large quantity of cash were also seized. Two people were arrested and taken to an east London police station where enquiries continue.

The task force is made up of 34 police officers funded by the mayor of Tower Hamlets' budget and six officers funded by the police. The team is operated jointly by the council and police.

Detective Inspector Tony Akhigbe of the PTF said: "The work done by the Partnership Task Force is an excellent example of the police and local authority working together and reinforces our commitment to tackling the issues that matter most to our residents in Tower Hamlets."

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "Drug dealing and misuse are key concerns for residents. I invested in the Partnership Task Force specifically to focus on drug dealing and the anti-social behaviour that goes with it."

Deputy Mayor Cllr Ohid Ahmed added: "This recent success shows we are continuing the fight against drug dealers, in partnership with the police."

THE world's biggest boy band One Direction were spotted in Spitalfields on Thursday where they were filming their latest pop video. Passer-by Philip Black caught lead singer Harry Styles looking in the wrong direction while the rest of the band concentrated on the job in hand. "There was mega-excitement in Princelet Street when the band appeared," Philip told East End Life.

Give your views in a betting shop debate

A DEBATING club is organising a public debate about betting shops and their impact on the community.

Campaigners say betting shops foster gambling addictions and pose harm to the community, while the industry insists people are responsible for their own actions and betting shops are simply providing a service and creating jobs in the process.

On Thursday, September 12, Adrian Parkinson of the Campaign for Fairer Gambling will be joined by Steve Shaw from the community engagement group, Local Works, to argue that betting shops harm the community and must be stopped.

Chris Snowdon of the Institute of Economic Affairs and Greg Smith, deputy leader of Hammersmith Council, will argue betting shops should be treated no differently than any other free enterprise.

Blackwall & Cubitt Town councillor Peter Golds will chair the debate, which has been organised by Limehouse resident Tony Koutsoumbos, who runs a debating society.

The debate starts at 7pm at Idea Store Whitechapel, 321 Whitechapel Road, E1 and is free to attend. To reserve a place email **tony@debatelondon.org**

Swap, don't shop event

RESIDENTS can swap rather than shop at an event in Victoria Park on Saturday, September 7.

They are invited to swap reusable, clean items for items they like for free.

Books, DVDs, CDs, clothes, paired shoes, toys and bric-a-brac can be taken along between 11am and 4pm to the park next to the Pavilion Cafe and lake, near the Crown Gate West entrance at the junction of Grove Road and Old Ford Road.

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News from the Mayor

Standing together

OVER the last week, the council has welcomed visitors from as far afield as Thailand and South Korea.

These visiting dignitaries have come to the borough to find out about how we work as a council, and to learn about some of our key services.

I'm a firm believer in providing excellent services for residents, but I recognise that some of the best approaches require us to work in partnership.

There's currently no better evidence of the importance of working together than the joint attempts to try to stop the English Defence League marching in our borough this weekend.

The EDL plans to come here with a message of hate and the intention of dividing our diverse communities. However, our borough is No Place for Hate and we must stand firm, together.

I have written to Theresa May, the Home Secretary, to ask that the proposed march in Tower Hamlets is banned.

And I'm absolutely delighted that a whole succession of national and local figures, including local faith and community leaders, are joining me in this call.

Another example of working together is the joint fight that Tower Hamlets Council and seven other London boroughs

LUTFUR RAHMAN | MAYOR OF **TOWER HAMLETS**

are putting up against the proposed closure of ten fire stations in the capital.

We have written to the Secretary of State for Local Government to ask him to overturn the mayor of London's plans, which in our borough would result in the closure of Bow fire station and the loss of a fire engine at Whitechapel. I'm concerned this will put lives at risk and I'm glad to stand alongside other leaders to ensure our voices are heard.

Finally, I was delighted to see this week that our GCSE results, like our A level results, were the best ever. In a year where there has been a downturn in GCSE attainment elsewhere, to see Tower Hamlets bucking the national trend is fantastic.

Congratulations to everyone who worked so hard together to see such excellent results. Another example of where working together truly pays off.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman

Family fun day success

BY EMILY BLACKSHAW

NEARLY 500 residents on the Ocean Estate in Stepney came together to celebrate the nearing completion of the estate's regeneration programme.

Families were treated to a barbecue, ice cream and activities including a bouncy castle, fairground stalls and face painting.

For the past four years the council and East Thames Group, along with partners including Bellway Homes and Wates, have been renovating homes and infrastructure on the Ocean Estate.

More than £220 million has been invested in the area, resulting in more than 800 new homes, including a mix of private, social rent and shared ownership properties. Improvements have been made to the existing 1,200 council homes, new community and retail facilities have been provided, and the estate's landscaping has undergone major improvements.

The programme has also generated hundreds of jobs and helped many local people to find work in construction and other related industries.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman, who joined residents at the celebration on August 17, said: "It's fantastic to see so many families celebrating what has been one of the borough's largest regeneration programmes.

"Improving housing and building more homes for local people are key priorities for me and it's great to meet people who are now enjoying their new and improved homes on the estate."

During his visit, Mayor Rahman was also shown proposed plans for the redevelopment of Allonby, Channel and Studland House in Aston Street over the next couple of months.

Mayor Lutfur Rahman joined residents at the Ocean Estate fun day, celebrating the estate's regeneration programme

LUTFUR RAHMAN | MAYOR OF **TOWER HAMLETS**

My diary

Wednesday, August 21
I visited various homes in the borough to meet residents to talk to them about overcrowding, anti-social behaviour and other issues and concerns they had about their local area. This gave me the opportunity to speak to residents in their local area and hear their concerns.

Thursday, August 22
A busy day which started off at St Paul's Way Trust School where I was delighted to join students to celebrate GCSE results day. Every year our students excel in the borough and I know this year is no different. A big congratulations to all the students in Tower Hamlets, I wish you all the best. In the afternoon I met resident Len Aldis to talk about the Mayors for Peace campaign. This remembers the thousands of lives taken in Hiroshima and Nagasaki at the end of World War II and the need to raise international awareness to stop the proliferation of nuclear weapons. Len also presented me with a Mayors for Peace flag. In the evening I held my regular weekly surgery. If you have anything you would like to raise with me contact my office.

Friday, August 23
United East End, the inter-faith group and local community groups joined me to stand against the EDL planning to gather in Altab Ali Park this weekend. I have written to the Home Secretary and local police chiefs to call for a ban on the march. I am redoubling my efforts to make sure the Home Secretary stops the EDL from marching on September 7.

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A community regeneration

Residents helped shape the regeneration of the Devons Road Estate by outlining their hopes and aspirations for their community, and suggesting improvements that could be made.

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Get exam advice

Young people who did not get the grades they hoped for can get advice from the council's careers service.

CALL 7364 1401

THE Devons Estate community celebrated the regeneration of the their homes and neighbourhood at a fun day last month.
The event marked six years of regeneration work by housing association Poplar Harca to improve all 620 properties to the government's Decent Homes standard.
The estate's green spaces have also been improved and a new play area created.
Left Samirul, 9, and Mason, 8, enjoy the celebrations, and the bouncy slide is a hit.

News in brief

A royal award

NOMINATIONS are being sought for The Queen's Award, which recognises the role played by volunteers and aims to emphasise the importance of their work.

For more information on how to be nominated, or to download a nomination form, visit the website **www.gov.uk/queens-award-for-voluntary-service**. Nomination forms should be submitted by September 30.

New classes

RESIDENTS who want to learn English are invited to enrol for classes, starting this month.

Enrolment will take place at Wigram House, Wades Place, Poplar this Thursday, September 5 between 11am and 1pm.

For further information on the course call 7987 0257 or visit **www.neighboursinpoplar.org.uk**

Exam results are the borough's best ever

BY IAN READ

ANALYSIS of last month's GCSE results has shown that Tower Hamlets students did even better than initially thought.

The best GCSE results ever seen in the borough, they showed a rise of more than three percentage points on last year, bucking the downward trend in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.

This year 65.3 per cent of Tower Hamlets students achieved the government standard of five 'good' GCSEs – those at grade C or above – including English and maths.

This is an increase of 3.4 percentage points on last year's 61.9 per cent.

This is the highest proportion since the measure, of five 'good' GCSEs including English and maths, was introduced in 2006.

And the borough's performance in these two core subjects not only eclipses the national average but also resists the national trend of decline by improving on last year.

The proportion of English papers locally being marked at A* to C has risen by 2.6 percentage points to 73.8 per cent.

The national average was

63.7 per cent, which was down on last year. Maths increased 1.3 points to 75.4 per cent, compared to the national average of 57.7 per cent, which again had declined since 2012.

The number of students achieving the English Baccalaureate – given for attaining top A* to C grades in English, maths, science, a modern foreign language and history or geography – increased to 21.5 per cent, up from 9.6 per cent in 2012.

A level students also achieved the borough's best ever results this summer.

Young people who did not get the grades they hoped for, can get advice from the council's careers service by calling 7364 1401 or emailing **careers.service@towerhamlets.gov.uk**

Swanlea School pupil Azwad Rahman gained six A* grades in his GCSEs, not five as published in last week's paper, with ten GCSEs in total.

Teenagers head to the classroom

FORTY of the borough's teenagers elected to swap a week of their summer holiday to return to the classroom as delegates on the annual Summer Business School run by Tower Hamlets Education Business Partnership.

During the week, hosted by Mulberry School for Girls in Stepney, students learned the basics of customer relations, profit and loss, plus some craft skills before applying themselves to making a selection of occasion cards, decorated photo frames, key rings, cupcakes and bundles of sweets, which they sold at the offices of Clifford Chance and Bank of America Merrill Lynch.

Their efforts raised just over £800, with the profits split between the Teenage Cancer Trust and Richard House Hospice.

The week was supported by volunteers from businesses and universities, and Cathy Jones, head of community outreach at Clifford Chance, said it was satisfying to see the students grow in confidence.

The final day saw participants pitch their business ideas to a panel, Dragon's Den-style.

Helen Sanson, director of Tower Hamlets EBP, said: "We have got some really bright young people in Tower Hamlets and it is great to see them doing something positive."

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A free school meal for every child

From the new term this week, every child starting school – those in reception or year 1 – will receive a free school meal, even if they would not normally be eligible.

SEE BELOW

Useful information

Exam successes

News from the council's education, social care and wellbeing directorate

WHAT a sensational few weeks since the directorate's previous column.

Earlier last month, A level students posted the best results the borough has ever seen.

As if this wasn't impressive enough, their fellow students sitting GCSEs emulated this triumph by also achieving the best results in Tower Hamlets.

This was particularly pleasing when set against the national backdrop. At both GCSE and A level, results across the country slipped slightly. But here in Tower Hamlets, we are enjoying steady improvement year after year.

Perhaps most tellingly, an analysis of the GCSE results shows that students' achievements in the core subjects of English and maths have improved so markedly that the borough doesn't just beat the national average, it eclipses it by some margin. The national average in English this year was 63.7 per cent. In Tower Hamlets it was 73.8 per cent. In maths the national average was 57.7 per cent, compared to 75.4 per cent in Tower Hamlets.

The exam results have to be looked at in the context of the bigger picture. We are not reporting increases in double figures like some other boroughs because we are not starting from a position of weakness. We are building on strong positions and it is pleasing to see the borough's education performance getting even stronger.

The challenge of sustaining this performance and to improve it even further is a tough one, but everyone – pupils and students, council staff, head teachers, teachers, support staff and parents – are committed to the challenge because the reward is that our children receive an excellent education which sets them up for life.

Like every good organisation, we refuse to rest on our laurels and know that we need to keep innovating if this kind of success is to continue. That is why there are several initiatives being launched or repeated.

From the new term, every child starting school – those in reception or year 1 – will receive a free school meal. They will receive this even if their family's financial situation means they would not normally be eligible for free school meals. This is so we can be confident that every child starting school is eating healthily and learning the value of a nutritious meal.

At the other end of the education age group, we are helping university students with the cost of higher education with our new bursary scheme, the Mayor's Higher Education Award, which will distribute grants of £1,500 to 400 young people.

The fact so many students have applied for these tells us how helpful they will be to students. When the application process closes in October we will start the process of judging each application on its own merits to ensure they are fairly distributed. Visit **www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/higher** for details.

We will also shortly be announcing the opening of this year's round of applications for the Mayor's Education Award, in which school leavers are given grants to help them stay in education after the age of 16 and help them fulfil their potential.

These will be especially useful in the light of a change to the law known as Raising the Participation Age, which means young people will have to stay in education or training until 18.

It does not force people to stay in school if they don't want to – for example, you could take up an apprenticeship or work full-time and study at college one day a week – but we want to make sure everyone is aware of their options.

Visit the careers service at 35 Bow Road, E3, call on 7364 1401, email **careers.service@towerhamlets.gov.uk** or visit **www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/careers-service**

Chemist rota

Pharmacists in Tower Hamlets with extended opening hours.

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ABC Drug Stores, 12-14 Montague Street: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, Sun 10am-2.30pm.
Beck & Sherman, 197 Whitechapel Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-5.30pm, bank holidays 11am-1pm.
Sainsbury's, The Albion Brewery: Mon-Fri 8.30am-10pm, Sat 7.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-5pm.
Chapel, 139 Cannon Street: Mon-Fri 9am-8pm, Sat 9am-6pm.

E2

Fairdale, 360 Bethnal Green Road: Mon, Tues, Weds, Fri 9am-6.30pm, Thurs 9am-1pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.
Florida, 307 Bethnal Green Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, bank holidays 11am-2pm.

E3

Bell, 534 Roman Road: Mon-Sat 7am-11pm, Sun 10am-2pm.
Forward, 648 Mile End Road: Mon-Fri 9am-7pm, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun and bank holidays 10am-6pm.
Green Light, St Andrew's Health Centre, 2 Hannaford Walk: 8am-8pm, seven days a week, including bank holidays.
Lincoln, 60 St Paul's Way: Mon, Tues, Weds 8am-8pm, Thurs, Fri, 8am-8pm, Sat 9am-5pm.
Tesco, Hancock Road: Mon 8am-10.30pm, Tues-Fri 6.30am-10.30pm, Sat 6.30am-10pm, Sun 11am-4pm.

E14

Boots, Unit 15, Jubilee Place: Mon-Fri 7am-midnight, Sat 9am-6pm, Sun 12pm-6pm.
Britannia (Perimart), Asda Precinct, East Ferry Road: Mon-Sat 9am-8pm, Sun 11am-4pm, bank holidays 11am-6pm.

Doctors

Please ring your doctor's surgery for an appointment, but if it's the weekend or late at night, call 7377 7151 (only for people in Tower Hamlets who are registered with a doctor).

To find a doctor, dentist or help to quit smoking call the health hotline on 7364 5016, Mon-Fri 8am-8pm and Sat 8am-4pm.

Advice

Family Information Service (FIS)
The Family Information Service provides information for people from birth to age 19 (or 25 for those with additional needs) including helping parents and carers find high quality childcare, advice on tax credits and childcare vouchers. Open Mon-Fri, 8am-6pm. Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14.
fis@towerhamlets.gov.uk
7364 6495

Tower Hamlets Home Birth Support Group
Last Thurs of each month, 8pm. 31 Ridgdale Street, E3.
8981 1159

Parents Advice Centre (PAC)
Offers impartial advice around special educational needs (SEN). 30 Greatorex Street, E1. Drop-in sessions every Tues, 9.30am-3.30pm & Fri, 9:30am-1pm.
7364 6489

LinkAge Plus
Toynbee Hall is one of five network centres that co-ordinates services and activities provided.
Mon-Fri from 9am-5pm, drop-in session for advice on benefits, pensions, employment and housing. Appointments necessary. Mon 9am-5pm, Bangladeshi group.
Toynbee Hall, Commercial Street, E1
7392 2914
www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Welfare advice

All the organisations listed below can help you with welfare benefits, housing and general debt problems.

Account 3
1-9 Birkbeck Street, E2.
7739 7720
www.account3.org.uk

Bangladesh Youth Movement
21-23 Henriques St, E1.
7488 1831/2

Bromley by Bow Centre
St Leonard's Street, E3.
8709 9737 www.bbbc.org.uk

Citizens Advice Bureau (CAB)
32 Greatorex Street, E1.
7247 1050
www.adviceguide.org.uk

Island Advice Centre
Island House, Roserton Street, Isle of Dogs, E14.
7987 9379
www.island-advice.org.uk

Legal Advice Centre
University House, 104 Roman Road, E2.
8980 4205
www.legaladvicecentre.org.uk

Limehouse Project
Cheadle Hall, Cheadle House, Copenhagen Place, E14.
7538 0075
www.limehouseproject.org.uk

Praxis (New Residents Service)
Pott Street, E2.
7729 7985
www.praxis.org.uk

Tower Hamlets Law Centre
(specialist advice by appointment and evening legal advice sessions).
214 Whitechapel Road, E1.
7247 8998
www.thlc.co.uk

Debt advice

Toynbee Hall Advice Service
28 Commercial Street, E1.
7392 2953
advice@toynbeehall.org.uk
www.toynbeehall.org.uk

Fair Money Advice
530 Commercial Road, E1.
7702 8032
www.fairfinance.org.uk

Island Advice Centre
Island House, Roserton Street
Isle of Dogs, E14.
7987 9379
www.island-advice.org.uk

National Debt line
0808 808 4000
www.nationaldebtline.co.uk

Step Change Debt Charity
0800 138 111
www.stepchange.org

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400 volunteers keep charity running

GrowTH has been running since 2010 and is supported by over 400 volunteers from churches across Tower Hamlets. The GrowTH night shelter accepts referrals but not self-referrals.

WWW.THISISGROWTH.ORG

If you are in need...

The council has been providing crisis grants since local welfare assistance schemes were transferred in April.

News

Crisis grants offer a helping hand

BY SUSAN MULLIGAN

THE council has helped 1,700 vulnerable residents with £350,000 of crisis grants since the responsibility for local welfare assistance schemes was transferred from the government to local authorities on April 1.

Tower Hamlets Crisis Grants provide financial support to residents who are most in need.

Jason Taiwo, 36, who applied for a grant to help him secure accommodation after being homeless for three years, explained how it had helped him turn his life around.

"I was living on the street more often than not, until I eventually sought help from Whitechapel Mission. They referred me to GrowTH, which offers sheltered accommodation at night. During the day, I had to carry my stuff around with me, and find places to rest – but it was good to have somewhere to sleep at night," Jason told East End Life.

"GrowTH helped me apply for a crisis grant, and it has been life-changing. I can spend time with my son in my rented studio flat. It's easier to think about the future because I'm not worried about finding somewhere safe to sleep too."

Jason is now looking for work: "I volunteered as security at Notting Hill Carnival, as I've recently completed my level 2 SIA Security. None of this would have been possible without the crisis grant."

Tom Newby, advocate worker at the GrowTH night shelter, said: "Since April, Tower Hamlets Crisis Grants have played a vital part in helping to house a number of people into permanent accommodation.

"The grant is used for rent in advance to help secure private rented accommodation. The new accommodation provides a great foundation and stable place for individuals to move forward in life."

Mayor Lutfur Rahman said: "The crisis loans provide support for our most vulnerable residents, and I am pleased that we could help Jason find somewhere to live. The government's welfare reforms will create enormous challenges for many of our families in the borough, but we will continue to do all we can to support our residents through these changes."

GrowTH has given 169 people church-based shelter since November 2012 and successfully resettled 66 people. Seven of those have been supported into permanent accommodation with the support of a crisis grant.

Information about GrowTH can be found by visiting the website **www.thisisgrowth.org** – the shelter opens again on November 1.

Tom Newby (left) with GrowTH colleague Martin Vickery

YOUR NEXT move

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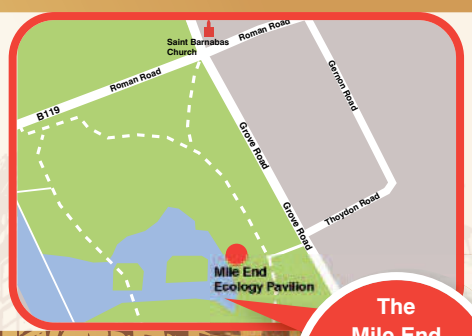

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Mob: 07448567148 Tel: 0207 247 8080
Office Address: Osmani Centre, 58 Underwood Rd, E1 5AW
our preferred site is between Watney Market and Aldgate East

Anniversary is marked

The National Paralympic Day event and the mayor of London's Liberty Festival will be the grand finale to a summer of celebrations

WWW.QUEENELIZABETHOLYMPICPARK.CO.UK

News

Paralympians to join celebrations

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

MEMORIES of London 2012 will be revived this week when Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park opens its doors for National Paralympic Day and the mayor of London's Liberty Festival.

The event, taking place on Saturday, September 7, marks the one-year anniversary of the London 2012 Paralympic Games and will feature Paralympic athletes taking part in a range of activities.

London 2012 gold medallists Sophie Christiansen and Aled Davies are among athletes already confirmed to attend on the day.

Davies, who won gold in the F42/44 discus last summer and world championship gold medals in F42 discus and F44 shot last month, said: "London 2012 was the most incredible Paralympic Games and I have such fantastic memories of the time that I spent at the Olympic Park, be it in the stadium, in the Village or spending time with the fans who had come to cheer on the Paralympics GB team.

"National Paralympic Day is a great idea. It's important that, outside a Paralympic Games, there are opportunities to showcase disability sport and that we can build on this interest to encourage people to get involved, whether that be through sporting participation, coaching and volunteering or by showing your support as a fan."

Architects of Air will have their Miracoco luminarium at the Park for visitors to explore

The gold medallists will be joined on the day by several more Paralympians including Will Bayley, silver medallist in table tennis; Hollie Arnold, two-time Paralympian and current world champion in javelin from the recent world championships in Lyon; and Amy Marren, Paralympian and newly-crowned swimming world champion.

Artists and performers will also appear as part of the Liberty Festival, the annual showcase of deaf and disabled artists.

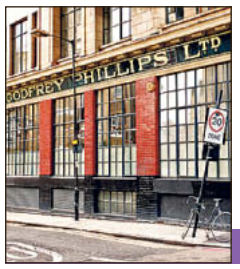
Among the highlights will be the Limbless Knight, an aerial and sway performance from award-winning theatre company Graeae, whose artistic director Jenny Sealey co-directed last year's Paralympic opening ceremony.

There will also be a special appearance from Andrea Begley, who won the audience vote on BBC TV series The Voice.

For further information visit the website **www.queenelizabetholympicpark.co.uk**

The Limbless Knight by Graeae

Photo Patrick Baldwin



Cashing in on the tobacco boom

The great quantity of unrefined tobacco being brought in to the Pool of London from Virginia was matched by the vigorous attempts of gangs to liberate the stuff.

SEE BELOW

Got a story to tell?

If you have a tale about East End history, write to John Rennie or email him at **johnrennie@gmail.com**

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History

Smokers told tobacco would keep them safe from the great plague

BY JOHN RENNIE

THE trading vessels that set off for the New World, for Asia, and for the West and East Indies from the 16th century onward, brought back a number of goods, without which it's impossible to imagine the London of today.

No morning tea or coffee? No sugar with which to sweeten it? And where would Londoners be without the potato a London without chip shops is a baleful prospect. But none of the new crops that came into Wapping seemed to catch on quite so quickly as tobacco.

The first bales are said to have been landed from Virginia in 1586, and the first pipe of the stuff is supposed to have been smoked at the Pied Bull pub in Islington (though presumably somebody must have stopped for a smoke en route from Wapping to north London).

Less than 30 years later there were some 7,000 tobacconists in London, and despite the attempts of the tobacco-hating James I to tax the stuff out of existence (he described it as "a custome loathesome to the eye, hatefull to the nose, harmefull to the braine" in his famed 1604 essay A Counterblaste To Tobacco), Londoners couldn't get enough.

Literally. James had his ministers limit the Virginia planters to exports of no more than 100 lbs of the stuff a year. Just like modern governments, the monarch expressed a loathing of the drug while happily pocketing the excise duty.

By the middle of the 1600s the health benefits of the weed were being proclaimed (a brilliant fiction that persisted into the middle of the 20th century), with Spitalfields apothecaries selling tobacco and prescribing it as a protection during the Great Plague that carried off around 100,000 of the estimated 460,000 Londoners in 1665.

And despite the miserable failure of tobacco as a medicine, Londoners kept smoking, munching and sniffing the stuff (with chewing tobacco and snuff just as popular as pipe tobacco).

Wapping, Whitechapel and Spitalfields tobacconists in the 1700s were identified by the large wooden figure of a black Indian (native American) with a crown and kilt of tobacco leaves.

So lucrative was the trade that top artists were employed to produce cards and shop bills, with the young Hogarth turning his brush to tobacco adverts.

James I hated tobacco and this 19th century cartoonist clearly saw it as a filthy habit

As the centuries wore on the fashions changed. By the 19th century cigars and, increasingly cigarettes, were gaining popularity in London.

The size of the trade is evidenced by the construction of Tobacco Dock at Wapping. And the great quantity of unrefined tobacco now being brought in to the Pool of London from Virginia and elsewhere was matched by the vigorous attempts of gangs such as the River Pirates and Heavy Horsemen (not to mention many working on the docks) to liberate the stuff.

So a bonded warehouse, with tight security needed to be built. The warehouses were part of the massive London Docks, begun on the marshes of Wapping in 1801 by civil engineer John Rennie and opened four years later.

And alongside grew up the East End cigar and cigarette industry.

The East End has a plethora of trades that have come and gone. Lace-making, brewing, tanning and a host of other stink industries are now (largely) history, but the tobacco industry is almost forgotten.

Maurice Zeegen, writing in 2003 of his own family firm, charted a fascinating and largely forgotten group of East End incomers, who made the business their own.

"After the Huguenots and before the East European Jews, the Spitalfields area was settled by significant numbers of poor Jews from, predominantly, Amsterdam.

They were known as 'Chuts', thought to be a take on the sound of the immigrants' word for good in Dutch."

And while the Huguenots were renowned for their lace-making skills, and the 19th century arrivals would largely be employed in the garment trades, the profession pursued by many of these people was cigar-making.

Many small workshops and factories were established in Bethnal Green, Whitechapel and Spitalfields, among them the cigar factory of Zeegen Brothers in Chicksand Street, off Brick Lane.

Maurice, great-grandson of one of the founders of the factory, writes of his family business surviving into the 1920s before being absorbed into the Godfrey Phillips cigarette company [itself also founded by a Dutch family], based in Jerome Street, Whitechapel.

The 1911 History of the County of Middlesex (the area east of the City wall, in those days, belonging to the now defunct county) suggested that the tobacco industry was still a huge employer in what is now the East End.

It stated that the manufacture of tobacco is carried on very largely in East London and Hackney, which contain 76 factories for the production of tobacco, cigars, cigarettes, and snuff.

In all London there are about 180 factories in this trade, and in the whole of England, the metropolis included, there are about 430, so that in the number of its tobacco factories East London occupies a conspicuous position."

The number of factories (some major operations such as the Carreras works in Camden, which would eventually relocate to Basildon, Essex) was remarkable enough. But there were numerous small workshops too, employing pieceworkers to treat the tobacco, roll cigars and produce pipe and plug tobacco.

The tobacco industry in the East End was thus very like its natural counterpart, the matchmaking industry, where for every giant Fairfield works (Bryant and May's factory in Bow's Fairfield Road, which is now the Bow Quarter, but was once the largest 'manufactory' in Europe) there were thousands making phosphorous matches in tiny workshops (even in their own homes), and suffering the horror of 'phossy jaw' as a result.

The raw tobacco would be 'liquored' and 'stripped', then the leaf handed over to 'stovers,' who first placed it on a steam-pan to separate the fibres, and then on a fire-pan to make it fit for keeping and improve its smoking quality.

The final process was that of 'cooling,' where a current of cold air is passed through it to drive off the moisture.

The cigars the East Enders made were known, reasonably enough, as 'British cigars' in the late 19th and early 20th century, and the quality – if variable – was often surprisingly good. Cuban cigars were the acme of smoking excellence of course, but were expensive.

Reports of the time compare the best of the East End cigars as 'infinitely superior' to the fake Havanas flooding into the London Docks from Belgium and, by the early 1900s, Mexico.

The huge cottage industry began to falter under the attack of cheap imports from the Americas and, in the early 20th century, from the new fashion for Egyptian cigarettes, as cigar smoking declined.

Ironically it was the massive popularity of smoking in the 20th century that saw off the small East End firms.

Adoption of the drug was driven by the big corporations who could afford to advertise their products and drive cigarettes from a minority pursuit to a habit pursued by most adults.

Now it was all about the brand, and the East End cigarette factories died off one by one.

Isku soo dhawaashada

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Schools achieve best ever GCSE results – page 7

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Xisaabta waxay sare u kacday 1.3 boqolkiiba oo waxay gaadhey 75.4 boqolkiiba, marka la barbar dhigo isku celcelin guud ahaan qaranka oo noqotay 57.7 boqolkiiba, taasi muujinaysa hoos u dhac laga soo 2012.

Xubinta kabinetka ee carruurta, dugsiyad iyo qoysaska, Cllr Oliur Rahman, ayaa yidhi: "Horumarkan natiijooyinku, waa guul u soo hoyatey shaqaalaha, ardayda iyo waalidiinta, oo si hagar la'aan uga wada shaqeeya siday carruurta Tower Hamlets u heli lahaayeen waxbarasho heer sare ah.

"Hambalyo, qofkasta oo qayb ka qaatay guulahan la soo hooyey. Ardayda aan helin darajooyinkay filanayeen, ma jirto sobob aad u niyad jabtaan, waayo taageero iyo talaba ayaa diyaar idiin ah.

"Waan dhaqso ula la soo xidhiidha oo waca 7364 1401 amma email u dira khabiirada ayaao ka talinta **careerservice@towerhamlets.gov.uk**"

The seaside was brought to east London along with 2,500 visitors for A Great Day Out at Victoria Park. Families gathered around for a Punch and Judy puppet show, while staff dressed up in fancy dress to entertain guests.

Family fun at Victoria Park

স্পোর্টস্ এন্ড প্লে ফেস্টিভ্যাল ২০১৩ এর অংশ হিসেবে গোটা বারায় আয়োজিত গ্রীষ্মকালীন নানা অনুষ্ঠানে কমিউনিটির সব বয়সের মানুষ অংশ নেন। ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্কে অনুষ্ঠিত স্পোর্টস্ এন্ড হেলদি লিভিং ডে অনুষ্ঠানে ৬ শতাধিক লোক নিয়ে মেতেছিলেন নানা খেলায় মেতেছিলেন। এসব খেলার মধ্যে ছিলো বাস্কেটবল, টেনিস, ইনফ্ল্যাটেবল হর্স রাইডিং, সুমো রেসলিং, বানজি জাম্প ইত্যাদি। এই অনুষ্ঠানে কিভাবে স্বাস্থ্য সম্মত জীবন যাপন করা যায়, সেসম্পর্কে জনসাধারণকে উদ্বুদ্ধ করা হয়। জুম্বা টিচারের তত্ত্বাবধানে মিউজিকের তালে তালে তারা নেচেছেন।

Doorashada ha gafina

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DOORASHOOYINKII meeyarka Tower Hamlets, koawnsularada 45 xafaadood iyo baarlamanku waxay dhacayaan, khamiista, Meey 22, 2014.

Kawnulku wada jir buu ula shaqaynayaa ururada siyaasada, komishanka doorashooyinka, xafiisk kabinetka iyo booliskaba si loo xaqiijiyo in la helo doorasha xaqa oo xalaal ah.

Talaabada ugu horaysa waa diiwaanka doorashada cusbooneesiiyo. Deganayaasha wxaa guryaha ku soo kormeeri doona bisha Oktobar iyo Nofembar 2013.

Kormeerayaashu waxay ka caawin doonaan deganayaashu siday foomka ka diiwaangelinta u buuxin lahaayeen. Kadib diiwanka lacusbooneysiyey waxaa la faafin doonaa febraayo 17,2014.

Bilaha innagu soo fool leh, hirgalinta xuduudaha cusub.

Faafaahin xuduudaha, eeg websayt-ka kawnsulka **www.towerhamlets.gov.uk**

Bulshada sarta Devons ayaa bishii hore,u dmashaaday, dib u habayntii lagu gurya hooda naybarhoodhkooda. Munaasabadan waxaa lagu suntay, shaqadii lix snadood ee dib u habayntii ee ururka gur yaha Poplar Harca, ee 620 guri kor loogu qaado oo lagu simo heerka dawliga.
Isra and Samira, both 8, at Devons Road community day.

বো ফায়ার স্টেশন বন্ধে লন্ডন মেয়রের সিদ্ধান্তের বিরুদ্ধে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের চ্যালেঞ্জ

Council challenging London mayor's proposed fire cuts

বো ফায়ার স্টেশন বন্ধ করার সিদ্ধান্তের বিরুদ্ধে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস কাউন্সিল লন্ডন মেয়র বরিস জনসনকে চ্যালেঞ্জ করতে যাচ্ছে। লন্ডন মেয়রের এই প্রস্তাবের ফলে লন্ডনে ১৪টি ফায়ার ইঞ্জিন ও ৫৫২ টি অপারেশনাল পদ হ্রাস পাবে।

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস, কেমডেন, গ্রীনউইচ, হেকনি, ইজলিংটন, সাদার্ক ও ওয়ালথাম ফরেস্ট এই সাতটি কাউন্সিল যৌথভাবে কমিউনিটিজ এন্ড লকেল গভর্ণমেন্ট সেক্রেটারির কাছে মেয়রের এই সিদ্ধান্ত প্রত্যাহারের আহ্বান জানিয়েছে। ফায়ার এন্ড রেসকিউ ন্যাশনেল ফ্রেম ওয়ার্কের প্রস্তাবের প্রেক্ষিতে মেয়রের সিদ্ধান্ত রাজধানীর অগ্নি-নির্বাপক ব্যবস্থায় অনিশ্চয়তার সৃষ্ঠি করবে। বিধায় এই পরিস্থিতি থেকে ফায়ার সার্ভিসকে উদ্ধার করার জন্যে কাউন্সিলগুলো সেক্রেটারি অফ স্টেটের হস্তক্ষেপ কামনা করেছে।

বরিস জনসন সুউচ্চ ভবনগুলোর ঝুঁকির কথা বিবেচনায় আনেননি। অবহেলিত বারা গুলোতে অন্যান্য বিষয়গুলো রয়েছে যেমন পর্যটকদের ভিড়। এ ছাড়াও সোশাল হাউজিং ও ছাত্রদের ঘন বসতি সম্পন্ন বসবাসও রয়েছে, যা লন্ডন মেয়র বিবেচনা করেননি।

মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, লন্ডনের ৭টি বারার নেতৃবৃন্দ উপলব্ধি করতে পেরেছেন লন্ডন, মেয়রের জরুরী সার্ভিসগুলোতে ব্যয় সংকোচনের সিদ্ধান্তের ফলে আক্রান্ত বারাগুলোর বাসিন্দাদের জীবন ঝুকির সম্মুখীন হয়ে পড়বে।

তিনি বলেন, লন্ডন একটি ঘনবসতিপূর্ণ নগরী। এই নগরীর বাসিন্দা, ব্যবসা প্রতিষ্ঠান ও পর্যটকদের নিরাপত্তার কথা বিবেচনা করে জরুরী সার্ভিস বজায় রাখতে হবে। এ ব্যাপারে আমাদের যা কিছু করনীয় তা আমাদের করতে হবে।

মেয়র বলেন, সেক্রেটারি অফ স্টেটের কাছে ধর্না দিয়ে আমরা যদি ব্যর্থ হই তাহলে মেয়রের সিদ্ধান্তের বিরুদ্ধে আইনের সাহায্য চাওয়া হবে।

লন্ডন মেয়রের সিদ্ধান্তের পরিপ্রেক্ষিতে যে ১০টি ফায়ার স্টেশন বন্ধের আওতায় পড়েছে সেগুলো হল টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস এলাকার বো ফায়ার স্টেশন, কেমডেনের বেলসাইজ, ইজলিংটনের ক্লার্কেনওয়েল, নিউহামের সিলভার টাউন, সাদার্ক, ওয়েস্টমিনস্টার, গ্রীনউইচের উলউইচ। ওয়ালথাম ফরেস্ট ফায়ার স্টেশন থেকে তিনটি আগুন নির্বাপক যন্ত্র হ্রাস পাবে।

জিসিএসইঃ প্রাথমিক ধারনার চেয়েও ভালো করেছে শিক্ষার্থীরা

GCSE results show students did better than ever – issue 974

এবারের জিসিএসই পরীক্ষার ফলাফল পর্যালোচনা করে দেখা গেছে, প্রাথমিকভাবে যা ধারনা করা হয়েছিলো, তার চেয়েও অনেক বেশি ভালো করেছে বারার শিক্ষার্থীরা।

বারার এবারের জিসিএসই রেজাল্ট এত ভালো হয়েছে, যা অতীতে কখন হয়নি। জাতীয়ভাবে যেখানে ইংল্যান্ড, ওয়েলস্ এবং নর্দান আয়ারল্যান্ডে এবার পাশের হার কমেছে, সেখানে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসে গতবারের তুলনায় ৩ শতাংশ বৃদ্ধি পেয়েছে। এবার বারার ৬৫ দশমিক ৩ শতাংশ শিক্ষার্থী সরকারী মানদন্ড অনুযায়ি ৫টি 'ভালো' জিসিএসই পেয়েছে। গত বছর এই হার ছিলো ৬১ দশমিক ৯ পারসেন্ট। শিক্ষার মান যাচাইয়ে ২০০৬ সালে ইংলিশ এবং ম্যাথস্ সহ ফাইভ 'গুড' জিসিএসই স্ট্যান্ডার্ড চালু করা হয়।

ইংলিশ এবং ম্যাথস্ এই দু'টি গুরুত্বপূর্ণ বিষয়ে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের শিক্ষার্থীদের সাফল্য জাতীয় গড়কেই শুধু ছাড়িয়ে যায়নি, জাতীয়ভাবে পতনোন্মুখ ধারার বিপরীতে গিয়ে নিজেদের সাফল্যের অগ্রযাত্রা অব্যাহত রেখেছে। ইংলিশ সাবজেক্টে এ স্টার থেকে সি গ্রেড প্রাপ্তি সমানুপাতিক হার গত বারের তুলনায় ২ দশমিক ৬ শতাংশ বৃদ্ধি পেয়ে ৭৩.৮ শতাংশে উন্নীত হয়েছে। জাতীয় গত হচ্ছে ৬৩.৭ শতাংশ, যা গতবারের তুলনায় এবার কমেছে। ম্যাথস্ বা অংকেও ১.৩ পয়েন্ট বৃদ্ধি পেয়ে এবারে তা দাড়িয়েছে ৭৫ দশমিক ৪ পার সেন্টে।

৮২ শতাংশ বাসিন্দা কাউন্সিলের কাজে সন্তুষ্ট

স্বতন্ত্র একটি সংস্থা কর্তৃক পরিচালিত বার্ষিক জরীপে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস বারার ৮২ শতাংশ বাসিন্দা কাউন্সিলের কাজের ওপর তাদের সন্তুষ্টির কথা জানিয়ে বলেছেন, তারা যে এলাকায় বসবাস করছেন সেখানে তারা সুখেই আছেন। গত বছরের তুলনায় এই হার ৪ শতাংশ বেশি বলে জানানো হয়েছে। বিস্তারিত নীচে -

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Survey shows residents satisfied with council and their area – issue 973

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের বাসিন্দারা বারার যে সকল এলাকায় বসবাস করেন সেসব এলাকায় কাউন্সিলের কাজের উপর সন্তুষ্ট বলে জানিয়েছেন।

স্বতন্ত্র একটি সংস্থা কর্তৃক পরিচালিত বার্ষিক জরীপে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস বারার ৮২ শতাংশ বাসিন্দা এই সন্তুষ্টির কথা জানিয়ে বলেন, তারা যে এলাকায় বসবাস করছেন সেখানে তারা সুখেই আছেন। গত বছরের তুলনায় এই হার ৪ শতাংশ বেশি বলে জানানো হয়েছে। বারার তিন ভাগ বাসিন্দা মনে করেন এলাকাকে বসবাসের জন্যে ভাল করে তোলার জন্যে কাউন্সিল ভাল কাজ করে চলেছে।

বারার ৮১ ভাগ লোক যাদের এই জরীপ কাজে প্রশ্ন করা হয়েছিল, তারা বলেছেন, বিভিন্ন জাতি ও বর্নের বাসিন্দারা সম্প্রীতির মধ্য দিয়ে এখানে সহাবস্থান করছেন। গত ১৯৯৮/৯৯ সাল থেকে এই জরীপ কাজের সুচনা করা হয়েছিল এবং এ পর্যন্ত তা সর্বোচ্চ হারে পৌছেছে।

কাউন্সিলের সার্ভিসের মধ্যে লাইব্রেরি ও আইডিয়া স্টোরগুলোর সার্ভিসকে উচ্চহারে মূল্যায়ন করা হয়েছে। বারার শতকরা ৮১ ভাগ সেবা গ্রহনকারি এই সার্ভিসকে অত্যন্ত ভাল বলে উল্লেখ করেছেন।

৫৯ ভাগ লোক রাস্তাঘাট পরিস্কার রাখার বিষয়ে সন্তুষ্ঠি প্রকাশ করেছেন। এই হার লন্ডনের হারের চাইতে ৬ ভাগ বেশি।

এ ব্যাপারে মন্তব্য করতে গিয়ে মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেছেন, বার্ষিক জরীপ হচ্ছে এমন একটি ভাল উপায়, যার মাধ্যমে জনগনের অভিমত অবগত হওয়া যায়। ইংলিশ ডিফেন্স লীগের হুমকির মুখেও আমাদের বারার জনগন তা প্রতিরোধ করে শান্তিপুর্ন সহাবস্থান বজায় রেখেছেন। এই জরীপে জনগনের অভিব্যাক্তি ফুটে উঠায় আমি অত্যন্ত খুশি হয়েছি।

তিনি বলেন, ২০১০ সাল থেকে কাউন্সিলকে যদিও ১০০ শত মিলিয়ন পাউন্ড সাশ্রয় করতে হচ্ছে, তার পরে ও সার্বিক ভাবে আমাদের জরীপের ফলাফল স্থিতিশীল রয়েছে।

জরীপে পাওয়া ভাল ফলাফল গুলোর দিকে লক্ষ্য রেখে আমাদেরকে অন্যান্য ক্ষেত্রে নজর দিতে হবে যে গুলো স্থানীয় জনসাধারনকে সর্বোচ্চ পর্যায়ের সেবা প্রদান করতে সক্ষম হবে বলে তিনি মন্তব্য করেন।

বারার শতকরা ৪১ ভাগ জনগন বলেছেন তাদের তিনটি প্রধান উদ্বেগের কারন রয়েছে এর মধ্যে অপরাধ হচ্ছে একটি। লন্ডনব্যাপি জরীপেও এই বিষয়টি উদ্বেগের কারন হিসাবে প্রতিভাত হয়েছে। এই জরীপের ফলা ফলের উপর ভিত্তি করে কাউন্সিল অন্য যেসব ক্ষেত্রে উন্নয়ন করতে চায় সে গুলো হল অসামাজিক কার্যকলাপ প্রতি-রোধ, রি-সাইক্লিং এবং পার্ক এলাকার উন্নয়ন।

মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান আরো বলেন, গত বছর আমাদের কাজের ফলে ১১টি পার্ক ও মুক্তাঙ্গন গ্রীন ফ্লাগ এওয়ার্ডে ভুষিত হয়েছে। পার্কগুলোর উন্নয়নের কাজ এ বছরেও অব্যাহত রয়েছে। কাউন্সিল রিসাইক্লিং এর পরিধি আরো বাড়ানোর জন্যে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে।

জরীপের পুর্ন রিপোর্ট দেখতে হলে এই **www.towerhamlets.gov.uk** ওয়েবসাইট ভিজিট করার জন্যে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে।

টাস্কফোর্সের মাদক বিরোধী অভিযান

Taskforce executes drugs warrant – issue 974

টাওয়ার পার্টনারশীপ টাস্কফোর্সের উদ্যেগে বারার টেন্ট স্ট্রীট - ই ওয়ানে মাদক বিরোধী অভিযান চালানো হয়েছে।

এসময় পুলিশ ২৫ হাজার পাউন্ড মুল্যের ড্রাগস আমদানির অভিযোগে সন্দেহভাজন ৫৪ বছর বয়স্ক এক ব্যাক্তিকে গ্রেফতার করে। তার ঘর থেকে ক্লাস বি ড্রাগসও উদ্ধার করা হয়েছে। সন্দেহভাজন ব্যাক্তি বেথনালগ্রীন পুলিশ স্টেশন থেকে ৯ই সেপ্টেম্বর পর্যন্ত জামিন নিয়েছেন, মামলাটি বর্তমানে তদন্তাধীন রয়েছে।

ডেপুটি মেয়র কাউন্সিলর ওহিদ আহমদ বলেছেন, "আমি জানি ড্রাগ ডিলিং ও ড্রাগ মিস-ইউজ অসামাজিক কার্যকলাপ ও অপরাধের সাথে সংশ্লিষ্ঠ বিষয়। আর এটাই জনগনের জন্যে উদ্বেগের কারন। এই অভিযানের ফলে আমরা বুঝতে পারছি এ ধরনের অপরাধ আমাদের কমিউনিটিতে কি ধরনের প্রভাব ফেলছে। পুলিশের সাথে যৌথ উদ্যোগে এ ধরনের অপরাধের বিরুদ্ধে অভিযান অব্যাহত থাকবে।"

পার্টনারশীপ টাস্ক ফোর্সের পিসি রিচার্ড বলেছেন,"পার্টনারশীপের সাথে কাজ করতে গিয়ে আমি ইউকেবিএ'ও অন্যান্য সংগঠনের সাথে কাজ করার সুযোগ গ্রহন করতে পারছি। বাসিন্দাদের দেয়া তথ্যের ভিত্তিতে আমরা মাদক ব্যবসায়ীদের বিরুদ্ধে টাস্কফোর্স অভিযান চালিয়ে থাকে।

A resident takes a break from the festivities

Community celebrates regeneration of homes – page 7

ডেভন এস্টেট কমিউনিটি তাদের বাড়ি-ঘর ও নেইবারহুডের পূণঃউন্নয়ন কার্যক্রমকে আনন্দন-উল্লাসের সাথে উদযাপন করেছেন। এ উপলক্ষে গত মাসে অনুষ্ঠিত এক ফান ডে অনুষ্ঠানে সকল বয়সী বাসিন্দা স্বতোস্ফুর্তভাবে অংশ নেন। হাউজিং এসোসিয়েশন পপলার হারকার উদ্যোগে এস্টেটের ৬২০ বাড়ি-ঘরের সব কটিকে সরকার নির্ধারিত ডিসেন্ট হোমস্ স্ট্যান্ডার্ডে উন্নীত করার ৬ বছর মেয়াদী উন্নয়ন প্রকল্পের সমাপনী উপলক্ষে এই অনুষ্ঠানের আয়োজন করা হয়। এস্টেটের সবুজ প্রান্তরও উন্নত করা হয়েছে এবং নতুন প্লে এরিয়া গড়ে তোলা হয়েছে।

News in brief

৩ সেপ্টেম্বর জনতার মুখোমুখি হবে ক্রাইম প্যানেল

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস্ কাউন্সিলের কমিউনিটি সেফ-টি বোর্ড ও টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস পুলিশ এর যৌথ উদ্যোগে আগামী ৩রা সেপ্টেম্বর মঙ্গলবার, বার-ার বাসিন্দাদের জন্যে এক অপরাধ বিষয়ক এক প্রশ্নোত্তরের অনুষ্ঠানের (কোশ্চেন টাইম) আয়োজন করেছে।

এ ব্যাপারে টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটসের মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান বলেন, বারায় পুলিশি তৎপরতা ও সামাজিক নিরাপত্তার ব্যাপারে বাসিন্দারা তাদের উদ্বেগের কথা যথাযথ কর্তৃপক্ষের কাছে তুলে ধরতে পারবেন।

কাউন্সিল বারাকে তার বাসিন্দাদের জন্যে আরো নিরাপদ জনপদ হিসাবে গড়ে তোলার জন্যে কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। মাদক বিরোধী অভিযানের অংশ হিসেবে প্রতিদিন কমপক্ষে একজন মাদক কেনা-বেচার সাথে জড়িতকে পাকড়াও করতে 'ডিলার এ ডে' কর্মসুচি হাতে নেয়া হয়েছে। অতিরিক্ত টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস এনফোর্সমেন্ট অফিসার নিয়োগ দেয়া হয়েছে।

আগামী ৩ সেপ্টেম্বর সন্ধ্যা সাড়ে ৬টা থেকে রাত ৮টা পর্যন্ত ২৬০ কমার্শিয়েল রোডের ওয়াটনি মার্কেটের আইডিয়া স্টোরে অনুষ্ঠিতব্য কোশ্চেন টাইমে অসামাজিক কার্যকলাপ, সিরিয়াস ইয়ুথ ভালোলেন্স, রি-অফেন্ডিং এবং সাবস্টেন্স মিস ইউজের ব্যাপারে বাসিন্দারা কর্তৃপক্ষের কাছে তাদের প্রশ্ন তুলে ধরতে পারবেন।

ডেপুটি মেয়র কাউন্সিলর ওহিদ আহমদ বলেন, বারায় অপরাধ দমনে পার্টনারশীপের মাধ্যমে সফলভাবে কাজ চলছে। মেট্রপলিটান পুলিশের সাথে যৌথভাবে টাস্কফোর্স কাজ করে যাচ্ছে। এই ফোর্সে আরো ৪০ জন অফিসার রাস্তায় টহল দেয়ার জন্যে নিয়োগপ্রাপ্ত হয়েছেন।

কোশ্চেন টাইমে আসন বুক করতে হলে আবু সুফিয়ানের সাথে ০২০ ৭৩৬৪ ১৬১৩ এই নম্বরে যোগাযোগ করার জন্যে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে।

পণ্য সামগ্রী বিনিময় অনুষ্ঠান ৭ সেপ্টেম্বর

আগামী ৭ই সেপ্টেম্বর শনিবার ভিক্টোরিয়া পার্কের প্যাভিলিয়ন ক্যাফেতে পণ্য সামগ্রী বিনিময় অনুষ্ঠানের আয়োজন করা হয়েছে। সকাল ১১ টা থেকে বিকাল ৪টা পর্যন্ত এই অনুষ্ঠানে আপনার অপ্রয়োজনীয় দ্রব্য অন্যের কাছে থাকা আপনার জন্য প্রয়োজনীয় জিনিষ-পত্রের সাথে বিনিময় করার সুযোগ পাবেন।

ছোট ছোট জিনিষপত্র - দ্রব্যাদি ছাড়াও ফার্নিচার ও শেডও বিনিময় করার সুযোগ নিতে পারেন। তবে বড় আইটেম প্রদর্শনীর জন্যে আনা যাবে না। ফটো নিয়ে আসলেই হবে। কারো পছন্দ হলে যোগাযোগের নম্বর বিনিময় করলেই হবে।

রিসাইক্লিং এর জন্যে ব্যাটারি, প্রিন্টার কাট্রিজ, লো-এনার্জি লাইট বাল্ব, বাইক এবং হেয়ার ড্রায়ার আনা যাবে। তবে তা বিনিময় করা যাবে না।

এ ব্যাপারে বিস্তারিত জানার জন্যে ০২০৭ ৩৬৪ ৫০০৪ ওয়েস্টম্যানেম্যান্টের এই নম্বরে বা – **recycling@towerhamlets.gov.uk** – এই ই-মেইলে যোগাযোগ করার জন্যে অনুরোধ করা হয়েছে।

অপরচুনিটিজ সার্ভিসের ভয়েজ ফ্যাস্টিভ্যাল অনুষ্ঠিত

কাউন্সিল পরিচালিত ডে অপরচুনিটিস সার্ভিস স্টেপনি গ্রীনের উদ্যেগে অল সর্টস স্টল টু দি নিউ ভয়েসেস ফ্যাস্টিভ্যাল অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে।

কাউন্সিলের অনুসৃত নীতিমালা অনুযায়ী যে সকল বয়স্ক ব্যক্তি শারিরিক ও সেন্সরি ডিজএ্যাবিলিটি আক্রান্ত বলে অনুমোদিত তাদের জন্যে দি ডে অপরচুনিটিজ সেন্টার থেকে সেবা প্রদান করা হয়ে থাকে।

গত বছরের ন্যায় এবারও উৎসবমুখর পরিবেশে বহুজাতিক সাংস্কৃতিক কর্মকান্ড অনুষ্ঠিত হয়। উৎসবে বেশ কয়েকটি স্টলও দেয়া হয়েছিল যেখান থেকে প্রডাক্ট প্রদর্শন ও বিক্রয় করা হয়।

মেয়র লুৎফুর রহমান এ ব্যাপারে মন্তব্য করতে গিয়ে বলেছেন, আমাদের ডে সার্ভিস সব সময় সেবা প্রদানের ব্যাপারে নতুন পন্থা অবলম্বন করে থাকে। যাতে লোকজন স্বতন্ত্রভাবে দৈনন্দিন জীবন-যাপন করতে দক্ষতা অর্জনে সক্ষম হয়। আমি এটা দেখে আনন্দিত হয়েছি যে তাদের কঠোর শ্রমের ফলে এ ধরনের একটি সামাজিক অনুষ্ঠান অনুষ্ঠিত হয়েছে।

হেলথ এন্ড ওয়েলবিয়িং এর কেবিনেট মেম্বার কাউন্সিলর আব্দুল আসাদ এ ব্যাপারে মন্তব্য করতে গিয়ে বলেছেন লোকজন তাদের প্রডাক্ট নিয়ে এসেছেন এবং প্রডাক্ট বিক্রিও করতে পেরেছেন দেখে আমার খুব ভাল লেগেছে।

আইডিয়া স্টোরে এম্পলয়মেন্ট রোড শো

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস বারার বেকারত্ব দুর করার লক্ষ্যে বারার আইডিয়া স্টোরগুলোতে চার টি রোড শো এর আয়োজন করা হয়েছে।

৩রা সেপ্টেম্বর হোয়াইটচ্যাপেল আইডিয়া স্টোরে প্রথম রোড শো এর আয়োজন করা হবে বলে জানানো হয়েছে। সময় : দুপুর ১২ টা থেকে বিকাল ৪টা পর্যন্ত এই রোড শো চলবে।

৯ই সেপ্টেম্বর : দুপুর ১২ টা থেকে বিকাল ৪টা পর্যন্ত ক্যনারি ওয়ার্ফ আইডিয়া স্টোর। ২০ সেপ্টেম্বর: ক্রিস্প স্ট্রীট আইডিয়া স্টোরে- দুপুর ১২ টা থেকে বিকাল ৪টা পর্যন্ত। ২৫ শে সেপ্টেম্বর দুপুর ১২ টা থেকে বিকাল ৪টা পর্যন্ত বো আইডিয়া স্টোরে।

সারা দিন ধরেই এই অনুষ্ঠানে বিভিন্ন প্রতিষ্ঠানের অভিজ্ঞ ব্যক্তি ও প্রতিনিধিদের দ্বারা কর্ম সংস্থানের ব্যাপারে পরামর্শ ও দিক নির্দেশনা প্রদান করা হবে।

অন্যান্য পরামর্শকদের সাথে যুক্তরাজ্যের খ্যাতনামা আইটি প্রতিষ্ঠান এজিলাইসিস ও ইস্ট থেমস হাউজিং এর কর্মকর্তারাও পরামর্শ দানের জন্যে উপস্থিত থাকবেন।

বেলা ১টা থেকে ২টা পর্যন্ত সিভি লেখার উপর ওয়ার্কশপ অনুষ্ঠিত হবে, বিকাল ৩টা থেকে ৪টা পর্যন্ত কর্মসংস্থানের উপর ওয়ার্কশপ অনুষ্ঠিত হবে।

The above stories are: your chance to quiz crime panel; swap event on Saturday – page 5; New Voices festival – page 16; employment road show is coming to your local Idea Store – page 3.

Wolves, Bears and Anac

William, 11, jumps for joy.
Left: youngsters tussle as they go round the bend

More than 500 sporty youngsters from 32 mini sport clubs in the borough converged at Mile End Stadium for a day of competition and fun, as **Jessica Odubayo** reports. Photos by **Rehan Jamil**.

MUSKETEERS competed against Anacondas while Bears went head to head against Wolves in the annual Neighbourhood Games that saw a day of exciting competition for kids of primary school age.

All Tower Hamlets primary schools have access to a mini out-of-school sports club as part of the Tower Hamlets Schools Sports Partnership leadership programme.

The scheme trains local young people aged 16 to 19 so they can set up and run the clubs for schools in their area, with many of the clubs using community facilities, such as parks and ball courts, for their activities.

From the beginning of the school holidays, the clubs began preparation for the games, a bi-annual competition in events including basketball, hockey and cricket.

And on the day of the tournament on August 20, clubs – including the Whitechapel Wolves, Millwall Musketeers, Aldgate Anacondas, Old Ford Owls, Teviot Tigers and Bromley-By-Bow Bears – competed to become the ultimate champions.

As well as individuals who represented their clubs, children took part in taster sessions in more unusual sports, including archery, skateboarding and ultimate frisbee.

Ten-year-old Jesse dodges a swinging ball

The BMX track was a popular event

Youngsters take a break between games

ondas go wild for sport

A Limehouse Lizard takes a leap

Poplar Panthers take the bat

Masud, 10, prepares to fence

Fencing matches in progress

More than 50 volunteers from Lloyds Insurance Market acted as umpires and referees for the competitions.

The overall winners of the Neighbourhood Games were the Mile End West Menaces, managed by Shah Hydar, who has successfully progressed through the leadership programme.

"It is extremely rewarding to work with a group of talented and enthusiastic kids, who unite through sport despite their differences," Shah said.

Daniel Searle, coaching and leadership manager for Tower Hamlets Youth Sport Foundation, said: "The Neighbourhood Games is a celebration of grassroots sport in Tower Hamlets.

"It genuinely utilises the skills of local young people as sports participants and leaders."

Special guest Aiden Blizzard, who plays professional cricket in the Indian Premier League for the Mumbai Indians, presented medals to the winners.

BMX riders get ready to compete

A range of services

The council provides many services for residents and businesses. Go to the A-Z on the website at

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

The Government is changing benefits

Prepare and act now

Get information on welfare reform

The council's benefits service can provide information about housing benefit, council tax benefit and entitlement to free school meals. It has compiled a list of helpful agencies at...

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK/WELFAREREFORM

Council information

Tower Hamlets forward planner

TOWER Hamlets Council produces a forward plan every month detailing the key decisions it will take, together with the details of the author, and consultation undertaken. It can be found in Idea Stores, libraries, One Stop Shops and council offices or at www.tower hamlets. gov.uk/data/ your-council/data/forward-plan/forward-plan.cfm

Meetings

Tuesday September 3

6.30pm: Health scrutiny panel

The agenda includes an update of Barts Health NHS Trust's finances and a report on community health services and integrated care from Barts Health NHS Trust and Tower Hamlets CCG.

For further information call 7364 0842 or email alan.ingram@towerhamlets .gov.uk

6.30pm: Licensing sub-committee

Business includes applications for variations of a premises licence for Golden Grill Restaurant, 184 Hackney Road, E2 and for Offie and Toffee (currently Station News), at 301 Cambridge Heath Road, E2.

For further information call 7364 4120 or email simmi. yesmin@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Tuesday, September 10

7pm: Overview & scrutiny committee

For more details call 7364 4333 or email angus.taylor@tower hamlets.gov.uk

Wednesday, September 11

5.30pm: Cabinet

For more information call 7364 4651 or email matthew.mannion @towerhamlets.gov.uk

Details are accurate at time of going to press. Agendas are available online a week before meetings, which are at the Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG, except Cabinet.

Cllr Aminur Khan's Surgery

Whitechapel ward councillor, Aminur Khan, has changed the times and venue of his surgeries.

They will now be held on the fourth Saturday of the month from 11am-12noon at Jarman House TRA Hall, Jubilee Street, E1; and on the second Saturday of the month from 11am-12noon at the Bangladesh Youth Movement, Henriques Street, E1.

Tower Hamlets online

www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

For information on council services, including:

- report a missed rubbish collection
- make a doorstep recycling request
- report an abandoned vehicle
- bulk rubbish collections

THE council-run Day Opportunities service took their All Sorts stall to the New Voices Festival in Bethnal Green last month. The service for adults with physical and/or sensory disabilities offers rehabilitation and social activities to help people retain their independence. Many of the service users produce arts and crafts which are sold at events. Abdullah Mehmet (right) said: "I had a very enjoyable day. I got to meet lots of new people."

For more information visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

Planning

E1

136-142 Whitechapel Road - change of use from retail to restaurant with new external extract flue and new openings in existing party wall. Also listed building consent.

E1W

288-296 The Highway - demolish existing pitched roofs and rear chimneys over flank wings of the building and create Corten-clad mansard roofs to contain two 1-bed units. The rear roof and chimneys over the central section is to be removed and a new Corten-clad dormer extension constructed to enlarge existing flat from one to three bedrooms. Also conservation area consent.

E2

Flat 50, Newcourt House, Pott Street – remove internal partition wall between kitchen and storage room to expand space; seal external door of storage room and creating window at first floor level; change front door.

St Hilda's East Community Centre, 18 Club Row – reduce large sugar maple tree by 3-4m to previous pruning points.

E3

175 Swaton Road - prune crown of BAY tree from 30 ft to 8 ft (approximately 70 per cent).

4 Coborn Road - erection of further rear extensions at ground and first floor level and creation of roof terrace at first floor level.

E14

30 Marsh Wall - request for scoping opinion as to information to be contained within environmental impact assessment in support of application for residential-led, mixed use redevelopment.

63-69 Manilla Street - request for scoping opinion as to information to be contained within environmental impact assessment in support of application for a building of up to 30 storeys, providing hotel of approximately 288 rooms between first and 14th floors, with approximately135 serviced apartments above.

1 Park Place - request for scoping opinion as to information to be contained within environmental impact assessment in support of application for demolition of any existing structures, and construction of a building of up to 102,761sq m comprising office use along with decked promenade to Middle Dock, access and highways works, provision for flood storage, landscaping, pedestrian link and other works incidental to the application.

This is not a definitive list of all current planning applications. For more details go to the council's website at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk and click on Planning & Building.

Drug treatment providers

Community Drug Team

Substitute prescribing, key working, health screening & referral to residential treatment.
71 Johnson Street, E1.
7790 1344
www.lifeline.org.uk

Nafas

Support with a focus on Bangladeshi community.
The Davenant Centre,
179-181 Whitechapel Road, E1
7377 0676.

Harbour Recovery Centre

In-patient detox for 18+ males.
Riverside House, 4th Floor,
20 Garford Street, E14.
7538 9421

Young People's Service

Treatment for under-19s
Unit 26, Skyline Village,
Limeharbour, E14.
3069 7878
www.lifeline.org.uk

Isis

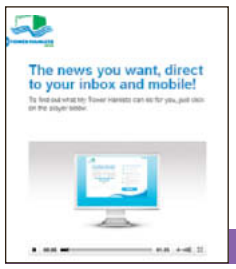
For women aged over 18
c/o Hopetown Hostel,
60 Old Montague Street, E1.
7426 0399
www.compass-uk.org

Community Alcohol Team

Unit 22, Skylines Village
Limeharbour, E14.
0800 008 7200
www.rapt.org.uk

Somali Substance Misuse

Help, advice & referral for people with khat, alcohol or drug issues. Contact Idriis Elmi.
Mind in Tower Hamlets & Newham, Open House
13 Whitethorn Street, E3.
7510 1081



Register now for free news

Tower Hamlets residents can register for the free news and consultation service giving updates on subjects they choose as often as they want them. For more information visit...

MY.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK

Did you know...

More than seventy arrests were made in July after police were alerted by a council operator using CCTV.

Council information

Hotline numbers

Housing benefits – 7364 5001
Council tax – 7364 5002
Parking services – 7364 5003
Streetline – 7364 5004
Adult social care – 7364 5005
Children's services – 7364 5006
Pest and noise nuisance – 7364 5007
Environmental health, trading standards & licensing – 7364 5008
Planning & development – 7364 5009
Business rates – 7364 5010
Recruitment line – 7364 5011
Electoral services – 7364 0872
Tower Hamlets Homes – 7364 5015
Healthline – 7364 5016

Report it!

To report an incident, use these 24-hour freephone numbers:
Non-emergency crimes – 101
Textphone – 18001 101
Hate crimes – 0800 138 0521

General enquiries

For other council enquiries call 7364 5020.

Useful housing numbers

Housing repairs – 0800 376 1637
Tenancy support – 7364 5544
Housing advice (E14) – 7364 7507
Housing advice (E1, E2 or E3) – 7364 3558
Homeless service – 7364 7474
Choice-based lettings – 7364 0244
Homeseekers – 0845 270 2400

Switchboard

If you know the name of the person or department you need to contact, call the switchboard on 7364 5000.

Do you know where to find this unusual feature of the borough? Our popular oddities picture poser gives readers the chance to keep their eyes peeled to see if they can spot where our photographers took the pictures. If you have photos of your own you would like to see published in East End Life, email them to eastendlife.news@towerhamlets.gov.uk or send them to Photo Poser, East End Life, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar, E14 2BG. They need to be high resolution, at least 1MB and 300 dpi.

Town Hall

Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, E14 2BG.
7364 5000

Other useful information

Safer Neighbourhood teams (SNTs)
SNTs operate in every ward in Tower Hamlets, providing dedicated community policing that works to priorities set by the public through Local Area Partnerships (LAPs).
To find out more about SNTs, contact your local team:
Bethnal Green North 8721 2851
Bethnal Green South 8721 2849
Blackwall & Cubitt Town 8721 2877
Bow East 8721 2807
Bow West 8649 3521
Bromley by Bow 8721 2041
East India & Lansbury 8721 2806
Limehouse 8721 2852
Mile End & Globe Town 8721 2853
Mile End East 8721 2848
Millwall 8721 2850
Shadwell 8649 3524
Spitalfields & Banglatown 8721 2042
St Dunstan's & Stepney Green 8721 2808
St Katharine's & Wapping 8721 2854
Weavers 8721 2043
Whitechapel 8649 3520

If a crime is in progress, there is an emergency or if anyone is in immediate danger please dial 999.

24-hour domestic violence national helpline
0808 2000 247

Trading standards
Consumer Direct: 08454 040506

Tower Hamlets Mediation Service offers confidential and impartial advice with neighbour conflict
Free service for council tenants and leaseholders. 7702 8305

Walk-in services

One Stop Shops
Bethnal Green – 1 Rushmead, off Bethnal Green Road, E2
Bow & North Poplar – John Onslow House, 1 Ewart Place, E3
South Poplar – 15 Market Square, Chrisp Street, E14
Stepney& Wapping – Idea Store Watney Market, 260 Commercial Road, E1.
Open Mon-Fri, 9am, doors close at 4.30pm. Sat, 9am, doors close 12.30pm at Rushmead and Idea Store Watney Market only.

Idea Stores

Bow – Gladstone Place, E3.
Canary Wharf – Churchill Place, Canary Wharf, E14.
Chrisp Street – Vesey Path, E14.
Whitechapel – 321 Whitechapel Road, E1. 7364 4332
Watney Market – Commercial E1. 7364 4332
All open: Mon to Thurs, 9am-9pm; Fri, 9am-6pm; Sat, 9am-5pm. Sundays – Bow and Chrisp Street open, 10am-4pm; Whitechapel, 11am-5pm; and Canary Wharf, 12-6pm.

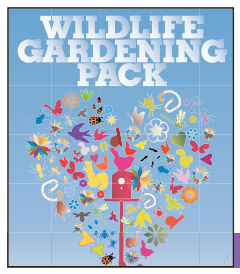
Libraries

Bethnal Green – Cambridge Heath Road, E2. 8980 3902
Cubitt Town – Strattondale Street, E14. 7987 3152
All open: Mon, Tues, Weds & Fri, 10am-6pm; Thurs, 10am-8pm; Sat, 9am-5pm.
Local History Library and Archives – 277 Bancroft Road, E1. Open Tues, 10am-5pm; Weds, 9am-5pm; Thurs, 9am-8pm; Sat (1st & 3rd of the month), 9am-5pm.
7364 1290; email localhistory@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Keep up-to-date

Details of all planning applications and decisions can be seen on the council's website at...

WWW.TOWERHAMLETS.GOV.UK



Give wildlife a helping hand

An average garden could hold more than 2,000 different species of insects. By providing the right habitats, residents can help to greatly increase the number of beneficial insects.

WWW.WILDLONDON.ORG.UK

Hospital site plan is given the go ahead

THE former Queen Elizabeth Hospital site in Hackney Road is set for a new lease of life.

The council's strategic development committee voted in favour of the redevelopment of the site at its meeting last Thursday, August 29.

It means the majority of the buildings will now be demolished to make way for 188 residential units in two courtyard buildings, plus 90 square metres of commercial/community space.

The development, which will retain part of the original façade of the old hospital on Hackney Road, will include 43 per cent affordable homes.

The committee heard 183 objections to the plans had been received, with the majority relating to the design of the new development, the possible impact on local properties, and the small number of commercial units included as part of the planned redevelopment.

But committee members heard the impact on neighbouring properties was not deemed to be significant and the site would be a key way of meeting the council's commitment to provide more housing.

The application will now be referred to the mayor of London, who is required to consider the committee resolution and determine whether he is satisfied with the eventual outcome.

GREEN-fingered residents in Wapping teamed up with Tower Hamlets Homes and the council's biodiversity officer, John Archer, to open their first insect 'hotel'.
Using old pallets, residents from Matilda House built the hotel next to their garden waste composting bins to attract butterflies, bees and other beneficial insects.
Some insects, such as bees, are in decline, so by providing homes, residents are giving them a helping hand.
Clare Matheson, THH environmental services contracts manager, said: "The insect hotel is built mainly from old recycled stuff, although we did get a few new bits. The main structure is discarded pallets.
"We used dead wood, old bricks and straw to fill in the gaps to give a wide variety of insects a home. We hope they enjoy their stay!"
From left: Cathy McCarthy, John Archer, Jane Sill and Veronica Suwara, THH contracts administrator, with the insect hotel.

Crackdown on nuisance noise

BY JESSICA ODUBAYO

ENVIRONMENTAL health officers from the council and the Diocese of London are cracking down on occupants of a former club premises in Poplar, following local concerns.

Residents reported that individuals who have organised a series of illegal raves, causing noise and other nuisance, have occupied the former British Legion Club in Arcadia Street.

One resident said anti-social behaviour, such as the alleged selling of illegal drugs, was affecting the whole community.

A council environmental health officer said the nuisance will be responded to and, where necessary, the police will be involved in taking action against illegal occupants of the premises, which is on land owned by the Diocese of London.

Kenny Cathro, head of property management at the diocese, said: "The Diocese of London is very much aware of residents' concerns regarding the use of the former British Legion Club on Arcadia Street.

"The diocese shares these concerns and has taken prompt action through its appointed solicitors to ensure the correct legal steps are in place to remove any people from the building who do not have a legal right to be there.

"The matter is now following due legal process."

Add vibrant colour with asters

Plant of the month from the Horticultural Traders' Association

ASTERS are perhaps the brightest of all autumn perennials and is one of the top ten herbaceous border plants that can bring your garden alive with shades of crimson, blue, rose, pink, yellow or white.

Often known as Michaelmas daisies, asters come in several species and many cultivars of different colours and heights. They can be grown in combination with many other herbaceous plants that flower later in the season. Aster Achillea millefolium and Echinacea purpurea look good with these daisies and add variety to any border.

Aster x fikartii Monch is traditionally lavender blue and has a flowering period from mid-summer through to late autumn and continues until the first hard frost. Other popular varieties include Aster Bahamas, Barbados, Ibiza, Samoa and Tonga which come in rich purples and pink. All varieties make for good cut flowers and are easy plants for beginners to try in the garden.

The appeal of the aster is they are very hardy and they last for many years. They thrive in most soils and like full sun or partial shade. Asters also provide a valuable food source for butterflies and bees so will bring wildlife to your garden during the autumn months.

For more details visit the website **www.the-hta.org.uk/plantofthemonth**

tower hamlets homeseekers

30/08/13 - 05/09/13
Closing date for Internet and Telephone bids: 05/09/13

Find out about local schools, council services, transport links, and businesses at: **www.upmystreet.com**

You can bid for these homes only if you have an active application on the Tower Hamlets Housing List. Please do not visit any of them as it may cause a nuisance to neighbours.

We can only contact people we make offers to. Offers are made in priority order based on the lettings policy. A copy of the policy is available from us on 020 7364 2826 or on the website.

টাওয়ার হ্যামলেটস হাউসিং তালিকায় আপনার একটি সক্রিয় আবেদন থাকলেই কেবল এসব বাসাগুলোর জন্যে আপনি নিলাম ডাকার অংশ নিতে পারবেন। অনুগ্রহ করে এই বাসাগুলোর কোনটিই দেখতে যাবেন না কারণ এরফলে প্রতিবেশীরা বিরক্ত হতে পারেন।

যাদেরকে আমরা বাসা দেয়ার প্রস্তাব করি কেবল সেসব লোকেদেরকেই আমরা যোগাযোগ করে থাকি। ভাড়ার নীতিমালার (লেটিং পলিসি) উপর ভিত্তি করে অগ্রাধিকারের ভিত্তিতে বাসা দেয়ার প্রস্তাব করা হয়। 020 7364 2826 নম্বরে অথবা ওয়েবসাইটে এই নীতিমালার কপি পাওয়া যাবে।

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website: www.towerhamlets.gov.uk

Support Charges apply to **all Sheltered homes for the Over 60's**. This will be covered by Supporting People Subsidy **if you are entitled to Housing Benefit or other benefits**. Subsidy is also available for individuals not in receipt of benefit in some cases. If you need information about financial help, please contact the Lettings Team on 020 7364 0204/0206 or ask for a copy of our leaflet '**Support Charges in long term Supporting People Services**'. This is also available on our website www.towerhamlets.gov.uk.

Further information on homes advertised is available at One Stop Shops & Neighbourhood Housing Offices

Key for Accessible Housing Register

Some people require a home that is accessible. These homes are coded as follows:

Category	*Description*
A Wheelchair Accessible	*Purpose built to meet most recent wheelchair housing standards*
B Partially Wheelchair Accessible	*Designed to older wheelchair housing standards*
C Life time Homes	*Specifically designed to create an accessible and adaptable home*
D Easy Access	*Designed to be spacious with no steps to the property*
E Step-free	*General housing with no steps to the property*
F General Housing	*Does not meet requirements for other categories*
G Not assessed	*Property not yet had access survey*

Vulnerable applicants who need help and information regarding their housing application and with finding suitable accessible and/or adapted homes, contact the Lettings Client Support Team on **020 7364 0204 / 0206 / 0209**.

1. Internet Bidding
Just log on to www.thhs.org.uk

2. Telephone Bidding
Simply call 0845 270 2400

Permit Transfer Scheme: for residents moving to 3 bedroom or larger social rented car free homes

The Mayor of Tower Hamlets introduced the new Permit Transfer Scheme (PTS) to operate from 5 September 2011 to help to reduce the levels of overcrowding in social rented housing in the borough. The PTS helps some families move to larger social rented car free homes by allowing them to retain one on-street resident car parking permit, subject to the PTS criteria as outlined below being met. The PTS is a change in the operation of the Council's existing on-street Residents' Parking Permit Scheme.

CAR FREE HOMES No on-street residents' parking permits issued

The Council's 'car free homes' planning policy was introduced in Tower Hamlets in the late 1990s to help reduce traffic congestion and better manage the limited supply of on-street parking spaces. This initiative also helps to reduce the level of air pollution from motor vehicles and encourages more people to walk, cycle and go by public transport.

The Transport for London (TfL) Cycle Hire scheme (www.tfl.gov.uk/cycling) and local pay-as-you-go car clubs (www.carplus.org.uk) are also now available in Tower Hamlets to help you get around in healthier, greener ways.

If you live in a car free home, you will not be able to apply for on-street residents' car parking permits, unless you hold a disabled driver's blue badge or are eligible under the Permit Transfer Scheme (PTS), which is targeted at social rented housing residents. The criteria for the PTS is as follows:

1. applies to residents moving to **3** bedroom or larger social rented car free homes;
2. only one on-street resident parking permit per household is permitted;
3. you must have held your on-street car parking permit for at least 1 year prior to moving home;
4. your on-street parking permit must be renewed and **not lapse to remain eligible** under the scheme;
5. the tenant is responsible for providing proof of PTS eligibility to Parking Services (including a duly signed and dated Tower Hamlets Homes or housing association approved tenancy agreement); and
6. the PTS was introduced on (and operates from) 5 September 2011 by Tower Hamlets Council and **is not retrospective**.

Residents in car free homes can apply for a temporary parking permit for visiting trades people for £5 a day. To qualify, written proof of the work to be carried out must be provided, along with the vehicle's details. Each home can apply for a maximum of 20 one-day-permits within a 6 month period.

Alternatively, scratchcards are available for trades people and visitors, providing parking for up to five hours on weekdays and all day on weekends. Households can apply for up to 3 books of 10 scratchcards per year. For permit charges and information, visit www.towerhamlets.gov.uk/parking

For more detailed information about the following adverts please visit the Homeseekers website at www.thhs.org.uk

SHELTERED
Accessible Category E
APPIAN COURT, PARNELL ROAD, E3

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Shared garden • Pets not permitted

Eligibility : Min Client Age 60

£172.05, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Gateway Housing Association

Property Ref: 27816

OVER 50's
Accessible Category F
SOLANDER GARDENS, LOWOOD STREET, E1
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

Eligibility : Min Client Age 50

£96.93, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27812

OVER 50's
Accessible Category F
STUBBS HOUSE, BONNER STREET, E2
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Wet room (walk in shower) • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

Eligibility : Min Client Age 50

£107.53, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27835

BEDSIT SELF-CONTAINED FLAT
Accessible Category F
GRENADA HOUSE, LIMEHOUSE CAUSEWAY, E14
Flat • 0 Bed 1 Person • 3rd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£85.13, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27815

1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category A
TENT STREET, E1

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted

£102.43, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Spitalfields HA

Property Ref: 27808

1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
SHEARSMITH HOUSE, HINDMARSH CLOSE, E1
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 22nd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted with permission

£120.18, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: EastendHomes

Property Ref: 27821

1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category E
DARNLEY HOUSE, CAMDENHURST STREET, E14
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 14th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • Electric storage heater • No garden • Pets permitted

£106.44, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27827

1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category G
TOPMAST POINT, THE QUARTERDECK, E14
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 18th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted

£120.60, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 27818

1 BEDROOM
Accessible Category F
JUNO HOUSE, OLD BETHNAL GREEN ROAD, E2
Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted

£116.73, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Community Housing
Property Ref: 27819

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
COBURG DWELLINGS, HARDINGE STREET, E1
Flat • 2 Bed 3 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted

£132.26, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Community Housing
Property Ref: 27823

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
HUGHES MANSIONS, VALLANCE ROAD, E1
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£116.53, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27811

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
MCGLASHON HOUSE, HUNTON STREET, E1
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets not permitted

£136.06, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Community Housing
Property Ref: 27820

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BERRY HOUSE, HEADLAM STREET, E1
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£112.72, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27826

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
HERBERT HOUSE, OLD CASTLE STREET, E1
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 3rd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Property is in congestion zone • Pets not permitted

£124.44, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: EastendHomes

Property Ref: 27797

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
DEVITT HOUSE, WADES PLACE, E14

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£114.17, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27838

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category G
KELSON HOUSE, STEWART STREET, E14
Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 4th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted

£145.12, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

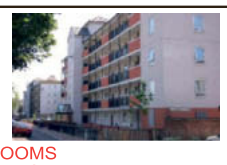
Property Ref: 27817

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BROWNFIELD STREET, E14

Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted • Grab rails in WC/Bathroom

£133.68, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

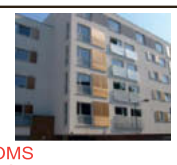
Property Ref: 27839



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
LIMBOROUGH HOUSE, THOMAS ROAD, E14
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£133.58, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 27813



2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
PLESSEY BUILDING, DOD STREET, E14
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted

£158.99, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Spitalfields HA

Property Ref: 27809

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BETHNAL GREEN ROAD, E2

Maisonette • 2 Bed 3 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£119.39, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27836

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
CLARKSON STREET, E2

Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 4th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£118.66, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27810

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
ST GILLES HOUSE, MACE STREET, E2

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 9th floor • Separate kitchen • Two lifts • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£117.26, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27837

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
LALEHAM HOUSE, CAMLET STREET, E2
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 4th floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£113.52, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27834

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
CUFF POINT, COLUMBIA ROAD, E2

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 8th floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£128.71, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27814

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
MAITLAND HOUSE, BISHOPS WAY, E2

Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 3rd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£121.79, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27825

For more detailed information about the following adverts please visit the Homeseekers website at www.thhs.org.uk

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
BYAS HOUSE, BENWORTH STREET, E3
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£110.27, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27832

2 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
GALE STREET, E3

Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • Private garden • Pets permitted

£130.03, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 27822

3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
LACE COURT, MASTERS STREET, E1

Flat • 3 Bed 5 Person • 2nd floor • New build • Kitchen diner • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • Balcony • Car free home • Pets not permitted
Preference to existing Ocean Estate Council Decant tenants

Advert represents 2 properties
£163.83, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: East Thames Group

Property Ref: 27802

3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
LACE COURT, MASTERS STREET, E1

Flat • 3 Bed 5 Person • 3rd floor • New build • Kitchen diner • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • Balcony • Car free home • Pets not permitted
Preference to existing Ocean Estate Council Decant tenants

Advert represents 2 properties
£163.83, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: East Thames Group

Property Ref: 27804

3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
ROGERS ESTATE, GLOBE ROAD, E2

Flat • 3 Bed 5 Person • 1st floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets permitted

£133.45, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27828

3 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category F
MILE END ROAD, E3

Maisonette • 3 Bed 5 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • Check heating on viewing • Private garden • Pets permitted . Downstairs WC

£126.42, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27824

4 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category A
BOHN ROAD, E1

House • 4 Bed 8 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Wet room (walk in shower) • GCH • Private garden • Off street parking • Pets not permitted .
Through floor lift

£143.60, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Gateway Housing Association

Property Ref: 27831

4 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category E
SWANFIELD STREET, E2

House • 4 Bed 6 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • Private garden • Off street parking • Pets permitted

£163.97, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: Tower Hamlets Council

Property Ref: 27829

5 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
MASTERS STREET, E1

Maisonette • 5 Bed 7 Person • Ground Floor • New build • Kitchen diner • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • Private garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . Additional shower room . Preference to existing Ocean Estate Council Decant tenants

£175.88, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: East Thames Group

Property Ref: 27798

5 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
MASTERS STREET, E1

Maisonette • 5 Bed 7 Person • Ground Floor • New build • Kitchen diner • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • Private garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . Additional shower room . Preference to existing Ocean Estate Council Decant tenants

£175.88, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: East Thames Group

Property Ref: 27799

5 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
MASTERS STREET, E1

Maisonette • 5 Bed 7 Person • Ground Floor • New build • Kitchen diner • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • Private garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . Additional shower room . Preference to existing Ocean Estate Council Decant tenants

£175.88, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: East Thames Group

Property Ref: 27800

5 BEDROOMS
Accessible Category C
MASTERS STREET, E1

Maisonette • 5 Bed 7 Person • Ground Floor • New build • Kitchen diner • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • Private garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted . Additional shower room . Preference to existing Ocean Estate Council Decant tenants

£175.88, Weekly - Social Rent
Landlord: East Thames Group

Property Ref: 27801

Reminder

Please respect people's privacy by not attempting to access advertised properties or knocking at neighbouring homes. This causes a nuisance and may distress some individuals.

1 Internet Bidding – Just log on to www.thhs.org.uk

2 Telephone Bidding – Simply call 0845 270 2400

AFFORDABLE RENT PROPERTIES

Changes to Government policy mean that Housing Associations have been forced to charge higher rents on some properties. In addition not all tenancies will be tenancies for life.

Please note the rent level and length of tenancy offered on the following homes. You are advised to check the Homeseekers website at www.thhs.org.uk for further information.

Accessible Category F
SHEAD COURT, JAMES VOLLER WAY, E1
Flat • 2 Bed 4 Person • 5th floor • Open plan kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Car free home • Pets not permitted .
FIXED TERM TENANCY

£220.54, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 27840

Accessible Category F
NEW EVERSHED HOUSE, OLD CASTLE STREET, E1
Flat • 3 Bed 5 Person • 1st floor • New build • Separate kitchen • One lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • No garden • Check parking on viewing • Pets not permitted .
FIXED TERM TENANCY

£250.14, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 27807

Accessible Category F
OLD CASTLE STREET, E1

Maisonette • 4 Bed 7 Person • Ground Floor • New build • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • Private garden • Check parking on viewing • Pets not permitted . Parking available in 2015 .
FIXED TERM TENANCY

£288.93, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: One Housing Group

Property Ref: 27806

Accessible Category F
WILLIS STREET, E14

Maisonette • 2 Bed 4 Person • 2nd floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Separate Bathroom and W/C • GCH • Balcony • Pets permitted

£178.55, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: Poplar HARCA

Property Ref: 27841

Accessible Category G
BRIAR COURT, MORVILLE STREET, E3

Flat • 1 Bed 2 Person • Ground Floor • Separate kitchen • No Lift • Entryphone • Bathroom with W/C • GCH • No garden • Pets not permitted
FIXED TERM TENANCY

£150.84, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: OLD FORD HA

Property Ref: 27833

Accessible Category D
LEFEVRE WALK, E3

House • 3 Bed 6 Person • Ground Floor • Open plan kitchen • No Lift • Bathroom with W/C and Additional W/C • GCH • Private garden • Off street parking • Pets permitted . Town house over 3 floors

£218.76, Weekly - Affordable Rent
Landlord: Guinness South

Property Ref: 27830

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To apply: Please email your CV with a covering letter highlighting your experience and clearly indicating the subject you are applying for to: info@jibreelinstitute.com

Jibreel Institute, London Muslim Centre, 46 Whitechapel Road, London E1 1JX

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rainbow house CHILDREN'S CENTRE

Rainbow House is a voluntary organisation, started by local parents in 2001 as a Mothers and Toddlers group. Growing incredibly since then we are now a Children's Centre registered with OFSTED for full session care and crèche. The playgroup is for children 3 and 4 years of age. We are based in the prestigious London Muslim Centre in the heart of Tower Hamlets in a purpose built facility.

Post: Centre Coordinator JOB REFERENCE: CC

Qualification: min NVQ level 3 in Child Care or equivalent.
Gross Salary per annum: depending on experience/qualification
Hours: 17.5 hours per week

The successful candidate must have:

- Min Two Years experience of working with pre-school children & their families
- Qualification/Experience of managing staff & volunteers
- Help plan, develop and organise the settings activities and raise standards in all of the sessions (particularly the evening and weekend sessions)
- Maintain accurate and up-to-date records relating to the sessions, staff and children
- Ability to liaise with staff, external agencies and parents/guardians of children on matters relating to the well-being of children
- Experience of administrative tasks, report writing and managing a small budget

Recruitment packs can be requested by calling **020 7650 3055** or emailing **info@rainbow-house.org.uk** .

The standard application form must be filled in.
CV's will not be accepted.

Deadline for returned applications is **Wednesday 11th September 2013 @ 12pm**
Rainbow House,
London Muslim Centre,
46 Whitechapel Road, E1 1JX.

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Telephone:
020 8981 4756

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Download an application pack: **www.bpcaonline.org.uk**
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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

PLANNING (LISTED BUILDINGS AND CONSERVATION AREAS) ACT 1990, SECTIONS 10, 67 AND 73

APPLICATIONS FOR LISTED BUILDING CONSENT AND APPLICATIONS FOR DEVELOPMENT WHICH WOULD IN THE OPINION OF THE LOCAL PLANNING AUTHORITY AFFECT THE CHARACTER OR APPEARANCE OF AN AREA DESIGNATED AS A CONSERVATION AREA OR WOULD AFFECT THE SETTING OF A LISTED BUILDING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS IS CONSIDERING THE FOLLOWING APPLICATIONS:

39-41A Mile End Road, London, E1 4TP **PA/13/1935/LB**
Replacing existing fascia sign over shop front with externally-illuminated sign; replace existing projecting sign with externally-illuminated projecting sign.

136-142 Whitechapel Road, London, E1 **PA/13/1912 and 1913/KHA**
Change of use from A1 retail to A3 restaurant with new external extract flue and new openings in existing party wall.

36 Goulston Street, London, E1 7TP **PA/13/1742/SHT**
Change of use application to A1(retail shop) to A3 (restaurant and cafes)

Leyton House, 22 Calvert Avenue, London **PA/13/1866/KHA**
Application for the refurbishment of the facade, glazing and entrance threshold to the Calvert 22 gallery along Calvert Avenue.

Land bounded by 2-10 Bethnal Green Road, 1-5 Chance Street (Huntingdon Industrial Estate) and 30-32 Redchurch Street **PA/13/01644/NAS**
Demolition of 1-5 Chance Street and 28 and 30-32 Redchurch Street in conjunction with the comprehensive redevelopment of the Huntingdon Estate site to provide a mixed use development. (REVISED LOCATION TO INCLUDE 30-32 REDCHURCH STREET)

27 Princelet Street & 65 Brick Lane (Basement & Ground Floor), London, E1 **PA/13/1446/AWA**
Variation of Condition 2 of planning permission granted 15/07/2011. Ref No: PA/11/01270 to Change to drawing number 0148 A1006 rev A. Addition of drawing numbers A1007 and A1102

Tower Bridge Ticket Office, Tower Bridge Approach, London, E1 **PA/13/1937 and 1938/AWA**
Refurbishment of the existing Tower Bridge Ticket Office on the North West Tower of Tower Bridge. Proposed works to the exterior of the existing building include new signage, re-painting of the steelwork, two new external canopies for weather protection and new external glazing. Proposed works to the interior include a new reception desk, new bamboo ceiling fins, minor partition and door works and lighting the historic wall.

Tower Bridge Ticket Office, Tower Bridge Approach, London, E1 **PA/13/1940/AWA**
New exterior sign on the Tower Bridge Exhibition Ticket Office to read 'Exhibition' on all three aspects.

Flat 2, 17, Tredegar Square, E3 **PA/13/1729 & 13/1730**
Retrospective application for the erection of an outbuilding in the rear garden and landscaping of the rear garden.

Copies of the applications and plans may be inspected between the hours of 9am-5pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Department, Mulberry Place, Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so, in writing, within a period of 21 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Development Control Manager at the above address.

Dated: 2nd September 2013

OWEN WHALLEY
Head of Planning and Building Control

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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 8 OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION ACCOMPANIED BY AN ENVIRONMENTAL STATEMENT

Proposed development at: Land bounded by 2-10 Bethnal Green Road, 1-5 Chance Street (Huntingdon Industrial Estate) and 30-32 Redchurch Street
Ref: PA/13/01638 (FPP) & PA/13/01644 (CAC)

Notice is given that **DP9** on behalf of **UKI (Shoreditch) Limited** are applying to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for:

Demolition and redevelopment to provide a mixed use development comprising two basement floors and between 2 - 14 storeys. The proposal provides 78 residential units (Use Class C3), 456 sqm Class A1, 359 sqm Class A1/B1/D2 and 1,131 sqm A1/A3/A4/D2 at basement and ground floor; parking, plant and ancillary accommodation; a central courtyard and accessible amenity roof terraces.

***This application is linked to PA/13/01637 (Land at Fleet Street Hill) a concurrent planning application and an Environmental Assessment is submitted for both applications.**

(REVISED LOCATION TO INCLUDE 30-32 REDCHURCH STREET)

This MAJOR application includes the submission of an Environmental Statement under the provisions of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011

Copies of the application, plans, environmental statement and all other documents may be inspected between the hours of 9am to 5pm, Monday to Friday at the Planning Office, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, London, E14 2BG. The information will also be available on the Council's web site at www.towerhamlets.gov.uk. If you respond by email, please tell us your postal address.

Copies of the environmental statement may be purchased from **DP9, 100 Pall Mall, London, SW1Y 5NQ, Tel: 020-7004-1700** so long as stocks last. (Price on application)

Any person who wishes to make representations relating to any of these applications should do so in writing, within a period of 14 days from the date of publication of this notice to the Head of Planning at the Planning Office address above.

Dated: 2nd September 2013

OWEN WHALLEY
Head of Planning and Building Control

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Public notices

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – CUBA STREET E14

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets made an Order, which will continue in force to prohibit vehicular traffic from entering, stopping or proceeding in Cuba Street for a distance of approximately 50 metres between its junction with Tobago Street and its junction with Manilla Street.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will enable essential demolition works to be carried out on the public highway by Demolition Solutions Limited.

The alternative routes will be via Cuba Street, Tobago Street and Manilla Street or Cuba Street, Westferry Road and Manilla Street.

Throughout the duration of the works, and at times when the "No Entry", "One Way", "Right Turn" and "Left Turn" traffic signs are covered, the existing one way working in Cuba Street between its junction with Westferry Road and its junction with Manilla Street as well as the existing one way working in Tobago Street between its junction with Cuba Street and Manilla Street will be temporarily suspended.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from 9th September 2013 until the end of September 2013 and at times when temporary traffic signs are placed on the public highway. The works are programmed for completion on Friday 27th September 2013.

Please refer any queries regarding the restriction to John Parsons, Street Works Officer, Transportation and Highways on 020 7364 6680 or email, john.parsons@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 2nd September 2013

JAMIE BLAKE
SERVICE HEAD,
PUBLIC REALM
MULBERRY PLACE
5 CLOVE CRESCENT
LONDON E14 2BG

PUBLIC NOTICE

THE LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 - SECTION 14 (1)

TEMPORARY PROHIBITION OF TRAFFIC – ASSEMBLY PASSAGE E1

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Council of the London Borough of Tower Hamlets made an Order, which will prohibit vehicular traffic from proceeding in Assembly Passage between its junction with Mile End Road and its junction with Redman's Road.

The restrictions on vehicular traffic will enable essential works to be carried out on the public highway by Optimise Thames Water.

The alternative routes for vehicular traffic will be via Mile End Road, Stepney Green, Hannibal Road, Redman's Road and Assembly Passage and vice versa.

The restriction on vehicular traffic will operate from Saturday 7th September 2013 until the end of September 2013, and at times when temporary traffic signs and cones are placed on the public highway. The road works are programmed for completion by Sunday 22nd September 2013.

Please refer any queries regarding above traffic restriction to Mick Jameson, Network Coordinator, Transport and Highways on 020 7364 6671 or email mick.jameson@towerhamlets.gov.uk

Dated: 2nd September 2013

JAMIE BLAKE
SERVICE HEAD, REALM
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CROSSRAIL WORKS

CROSSRAIL ACT 2008

ROAD CLOSURES

Rounton Road, E3, will be closed from 16 September to 5 October for cable diversion works associated with the Crossrail scheme. Rounton Road will be closed to traffic between the two railway bridges located just south-west of the junction of Rounton Road with Eagling Close. The alternative route for vehicles is Campbell Road and Swaton Road.

Rhodeswell Road, E3, will be closed to traffic between St Paul's Way, junction with Turner's Road, and Copperfield Road from Tuesday 27 August until Saturday 7 September. This will allow the contractor to install a valve on the water main and to clean out and place new lining in the sewers. Entry and exit for the car park will remain except for two days in the week commencing 2 September when it will close for the lifting of the manhole in the entrance and work within the sewer.

CROSSRAIL HELPDESK (24HR HELPLINE): 0345 602 3813

SPECIAL TREATMENT LICENCES

NOTICE IS GIVEN THAT Mr FANOS CHARALAMBOUS of Citi Studio London Ltd has applied to the London Borough of Tower Hamlets for a Special Treatment Licence to cover Manicure & Pedicure services.

Licence(s) for the premises:
Citi Studio London Ltd at
4 Spital Square,
London E1 6DU

Anyone wishing to oppose the application must give notice in writing to the Environmental Health Commercial Team, Mulberry Place(AH), Box 55739, 5 Clove Crescent, London E14 1BY WITHIN THREE WEEKS specifying the grounds of opposition.

Persons objecting to the grant of a licence must be prepared to attend in person at a hearing before a Committee of the Council.

TAKE NOTICE OF PUBLIC NOTICES!

These are legal notices of changes that could affect you on a short-term or a permanent basis. It could be anything from the construction of a building to a notice of insolvency of a company you have dealings with or the closure of a footpath you use.

TOWER HAMLETS

Fitness at your fingertips

Our listings show the many ways to improve your fitness in the borough. So why not try something new and get in shape?

SEE BELOW

Sport

Keep fit

Body conditioning
Thurs, 6.15pm. Shadwell Basin Centre, Glamis Road, E1.
07961 951522

Coaching for juniors
Badminton & volleyball. Ages 9-16, all levels welcome. £1. Sats, 12-2pm. Handball. for ages 9-16. £1.Sats 2-3.30pm. Bethnal Green Academy Sports Centre, Gosset Street, E2.
7920 7937

Fitness Boot Camp
Sat 9.30-10.30am at Mile End Park, Grove Road, E3.
07946 312102

Hatha yoga class
Sats 9am at Yoga Place, Bethnal Green Road, E2.
07905 944314

Keep fit
Weds, 10.15-11.15am, crèche available. Lansbury Lodge, 117 Ricardo Street, E14.
7515 7471

Keep fit
Weds, 11.45am-12.45pm. St Hilda's East Community Centre, 18 Club Row, E2.
7739 8066

Martial arts
Adults/junior kickboxing: Tues, 6.30-7.30pm; senior ju-jitsu (male & female), Tues, 7.30-9pm; adults/junior kickboxing self-defence, Weds, 6.30-7.30pm; seniors kick/Thai boxing (male & female), Weds, 8-9.30pm. Shadwell Basin Project Centre, Glamis Road, E1.
07811 105620

Personal training
Get fit, lose fat, tone muscles. Unit 1, Simon House, Limehouse Studio, 566 Cable Street, E1W.
07900 216005

Pregnancy yoga classes
Small group and private tuition. Suitable for mums-to-be from 14 weeks onwards. Call Claire.
07958 645978

Seniors exercise
Mons, 1.30pm, line dancing; Tues, 10.45am, workout. London Dockers Club, 6 Boulcott Street, E1.
7790 3785

Tai Chi
Daily, for health and self defence. 449-453 Bethnal Green Road, E1.
7033 3993

Leisure centres

John Orwell Sports Centre
Tench Street, Wapping, E1W.
7488 9421

Langdon Park Leisure Centre
35 Byron Street, Poplar, E14
SHOKK Youth Fitness Centre.
7987 3575

Mile End Park Leisure Centre
190 Burdett Road, E3.
8709 4420

Mile End Park Stadium
Rhodeswell Road, Poplar, E14.
8980 1885

St George's Pools
221 The Highway, Wapping E1W.
7709 9714

Tiller Leisure Centre
Tiller Road, Isle of Dogs, E14.
7987 5211

Whitechapel Sports Centre
55 Durward Street, Whitechapel, E1.
7247 7538

York Hall Leisure Centre
5-15 Old Ford Road, Bethnal Green, E2.
8980 2243

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LONDON BOROUGH OF TOWER HAMLETS

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

MAJOR APPLICATIONS UNDER ARTICLE 13(4)) OF THE TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE) ORDER 2010 AND OTHER SIGNIFICANT APPLICATIONS.

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Head of Planning and Building Control

TOWER HAMLETS

Rashid rewarded

Beaumont FCs Rashid Ali and Jahangir Ali Mohon were two of the top prize winners at their presentation evening.

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Celtic back on home ground

Celtic Football Club, one of the giants of Scottish football, went back to their roots last week and visited St Anne's Church, Whitechapel, where they were formed over 100 years ago.

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Sport

Sport in brief

Nelson is setting sail for charity

WITH a name like Nelson it's almost certain that you would enjoy a life on the high seas and **Chris Nelson** is doing just that.

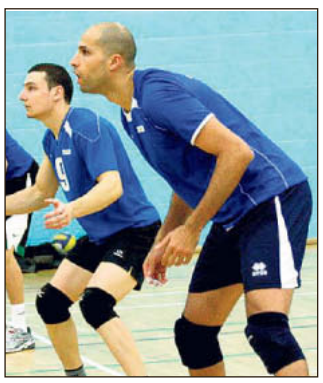
On Sunday he was in one of twelve yachts manned by bankers, IT staff and other City professionals, due to leave St Katharine Docks for a 40,000-mile race around the world.

Chris, 48, from the Isle of Dogs, is one of those taking part in this trip of a lifetime and he has been training for two and a half years.

He will be raising money for the Essex charity Dreams Come True, which carries out wishes of terminally ill children and he said it has been a lifelong ambition to sail the world.

There were 10,000 potential sailors assessed for the Clipper Round The World Race and this was reduced to just 600 – of which Chris and Michelle Porter, a personal assistant from Blackwall, were two of the lucky one's.

Michelle is raising money for Alzheimer's Society.



Members of UEL's squad

Tomasz is new coach for UEL

TOMASZ Morawski has been appointed full-time volleyball coach and development officer at the University of East London.

Tomasz is was previously volleyball development coach at the University of East Anglia and is currently head coach of the England Central Girls divisional squad, a team which, under his guidance, has won the UK school games for the past two years.

He has also been assistant coach for the England junior men's team that took part in the CEV European Championships in 2013.

Before moving into coaching full time, Tomasz played across all three national league divisions in England as well as national league level in his home country of Poland with Alpat Gdynia and Trefl Gdansk.

Perri Shakes-Drayton

Perri ruled out of action after op

PERRI Shakes-Drayton has gone under a surgeon's knife in a bid to prove next year that she is still one of the greatest hurdlers in the world.

She will be out of athletics for some time after undergoing an operation for tears to her cartilage and cruciate ligament damage, the injury she suffered during her nightmare 400m hurdles world final in Moscow two weeks ago.

The 24-year-old from Bow, reigning European indoor 400m champion, hopes the operation will get her back on track ready for next year's European championships and Commonwealth Games in Glasgow.

Despite her shock defeat in Moscow, Perri, a former Bishop Challoner schoolgirl, will still be one of the favourites to lift both titles.

Shakes-Drayton, who won a gold medal as part of the 4x400m relay at the World Indoor Championships in Istanbul last year, suffered the problem at the start of the final saying she felt a wobble in her knee.

She hit a barrier, then another and said her mind was all over the place and she eventually finished seventh. She flew home and tests identified her injury last week and she was ordered to have surgery.

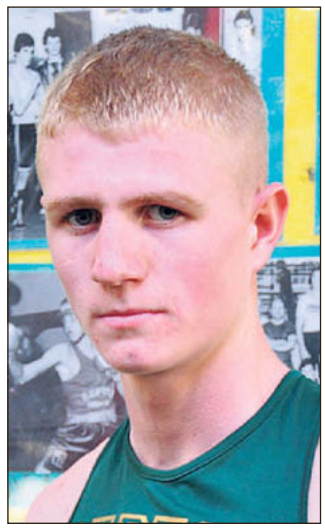
To Russia with gloves for Jimmy

REPTON starlet **Jimmy Smith** is hoping to be on top of the world by the end of next week and add further evidence to his growing reputation..

Smith, double schools champion and Junior ABA champion, is competing in the Junior World championships in Kiev, Russia, from September 5-15.

It is hoped the classy Smith can go one better than Repton's Ryan Pickard, who reached the final of the championships and finished up with a silver medal after losing to a Russian opponent.

Smith has excelled over the last couple of seasons and won the schools title for the second successive year and an ABA crown – further proof that he is a star in the making.



Jimmy Smith

Sportsdock to host college finals

UEL SportsDock will be the venue for the British Universities and Colleges Sports (BUCS) 2014 Final 8s Basketball competition, on March 15-16, 2014.

The Final 8s sees the eight best men's and women's teams from universities across Great Britain compete to reach the Championship Finals, and is the latest major basketball event to choose SportsDock.

Players from each of the 16 teams competing next March will be following in the footsteps of basketballers from USA Basketball, Detroit Pistons and GB Basketball who have used the east London facility in the past year.

Rugby club fund-raiser

Jim Fitzpatrick, MP, with Mark Slankard and Millwall club members

MILLWALL Rugby Club's open day proved such a resounding success at their Isle of Dogs base, that they decided to have another one to raise money.

This time the charity event, held jointly with the Urban Bar, saw children from Limehouse City Gateway Youth Centre enjoy a rugby taster session, followed by fun exploring the local London Fire Brigade's fire engine, as the crew joined club president, Jim Fitzpatrick MP, and members for a barbecue.

In the evening Mark Slankard, owner of the Urban Bar, and his staff took over the club house to provide entertainment

The day was a great start to the season, bringing together community groups and regulars of the rugby club and the Urban Bar.

Students get the Olympic feeling

BY PETER FAULKNER

STUDENTS at Queen Mary University are about to discover just what it was like competing in the 2012 Olympic Games.

The Mile End campus, just ten minutes away by tube, has been given access to state-of-the-art sports facilities at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park, Stratford, from this month.

Inspired by London 2012, Queen Mary Students' Union has seized the prestigious and exciting opportunity for Club Sport student members to train and compete at the 7,000 seat Copper Box Arena during the 2013/14 season.

It is a tremendous coup for Queen Mary University and a bonus for students.

The Union is also expecting to secure regular reservations at the Aquatic Centre's swimming pool when it re-opens next April, providing extra training space for the university's swimming and water polo teams, as well as creating for recreational use for staff

The Copper Box, now managed by Better (formerly GLL), is the third largest indoor arena in the capital, and hosted handball, modern pentathlon and Paralympic goal ball during the London 2012 Games.

Clubs including Queen Mary's badminton, basketball, volleyball, cheerleading, netball and tennis teams, are all expected to benefit from access to the facility, while the Copper Box Arena's new high-specification gym space will complement Queen Mary's own QMotion gym at Mile End.

Sarah Sarwar, QMSU president says: "We have a big commitment to develop innovative and inspiring initiatives for the wider community.

"We look forward to working with GLL on volunteering, sports coaching and a whole variety of projects and initiatives that will make our sporting community even stronger.

"QMSU students will benefit greatly from this new and exciting initiative.

"We are so pleased that our student clubs will now be able to enjoy priority access to such a fantastic world class Olympic venue and I'm sure students will be thrilled to use such facilities."

Queen Mary's has also secured the Copper Box venue for the 'Fresher's period' at the start of the 2013/14 autumn semester.

The launch and awareness event will include Club Sport talent showcases, combined with fun activities from Get Active, the Union's recreational sport programme.

Morpeth sign sponsorship deal

Morpeth table tennis club in Bethnal Green has just signed a lucrative four-year deal with two major sponsors that will see the club develop right across Europe.

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Soccer round-up

Beaumont milestone

BEAUMONT Athletic, one of the most successful football clubs in Tower Hamlets, have just celebrated reaching a milestone – their 20th anniversary.

And last week councillors and members of other clubs, along with over 200 Beaumont members and their families, attended the special occasion at Regents Lake Hall, hosted by Dr Aminul Hoque and Mamun Chowdhury.

Highlight of the event was Rashid Ali getting the award for outstanding service and Jahangir Ali Mohon, club secretary (pictured above), getting the award for voluntary service to Beaumont.

Beaumont Athletic are current holders of the UK Bengali Champion Cup, and the SNT Cup and have won a major tournament every year from 1993 to present. They have also won the Summer League Shonali Cup three years in succession 2009,2010 and 2011.

Award winners

Best Summer league player
Sadik Ahmed

Best Summer youth player
Larry Adeyemi

Best Winter league player
Jamal Miah

Player's player of the year
Jamal Miah

Top goal scorer of the year
Jamal Miah

Special achievement award
Mohon Jahangir Ali

Outstanding services award
Rashid Ali

Special 20 years service awards
Abdul Goffar and Shumon Chowdhury

Unique recognition
Mamun Chowdhury and Jahingir Ali

Hero With strikes to deny brave Bengal

BY PETER FAULKNER

TOWER Hamlets Football Club maintained their unbeaten run to the season with a narrow 2-1 win over local rivals Sporting Bengal on Wednesday night.

Following on from their victory over Haringey on Saturday and the FA Cup win over Walsham le Willows, Tower Hamlets again came out on top in what proved an entertaining match.

It put them in good heart for their FA Cup trip to Harlow due to take place as we went to press.

Once again the hero was Luke With, who just can't seem to stop scoring.

He hit the winner in the cup then scored two more against Haringey. This time he struck Tower Hamlets second goal after Paul Burnett had grabbed the opener with a superb 25-yard shot.

Sporting Bengal managed to reduce the arrears and were always making a fight of it, but in the end Tower Hamlets just edged an enjoyable game.

Sporting were a little unfortunate to concede the winning goal because With's first shot was well saved by the keeper.

Manager Ajibola Olatunbosun said: "It was a good game of football to watch and although Sporting played well, we were always on top of things.

"I was pleased with Paul Burnett. He scored two at Clapton and showed class again tonight.

"I am proud of my lads. Before the game I told them how much this match meant to the fans and club.

"Most of them have never been in a derby match but they handled it well."

■ IT'S been a great week for Tower Hamlets FC – and especially for their in-form striker Luke With.

After his FA Cup winning goal, he hit two more against Haringey to show what a good striker he can be.

Manager Ajibola Olatunbosun brought on on-loan signing Aaron Gale from Aveley and he set up the first goal for With just after the half-hour mark.

Haringey are a very useful side and and until this match they had gone unbeaten in 17 matches (seven at the end of last season, six pre-season friendlies anfour competitive games) so the East London side knew it would be tough.

The north Londoners managed to grab an equalizer and the game looked like petering out into a draw until a stoppage time winner by With.

Olatunbosun's said: "We let them back into the game by taking our foot off the gas –- something we did in the first two games.

"But we looked the better team in the second half. After my team talk the players came out showed me a lot more fight and control."

Legends return to East End roots

CELTIC, one of the giants of Scottish football, returned to their east London roots last week and took a memorable journey into the past.

Tony Hamilton, chief executive of Celtic FC Foundation, and Donna-Marie Henry, foundation partnerships manager,visited Tower Hamlets as part of their summer programme in partnership with Active Communities Network.

Celtic have their roots in the borough after Brother Walfrid, an Irish Marist,swapped the East End of Glasgow for the East End of London and came here as head master of St Anne's School, Whitechapel in 1893.

The London 2013 trip started with a meeting alongside Active Communities Network at the St Paul's Way Community Centre in the Teviot Estate where they also met representatives from Poplar Harca, the Teviot Action Group (TAG) and local residents and heard about the issues and successes in the area.

The group then went to Langdon Park School where they witnessed the building of a new arts block and heard about how young people will be engaging in music and drama.

After being shown around the Aberfeldy Estate, the group then moved on to the famous Grade II listed Balfron Tower.

For Tony and Donna-Marie the historic and emotional highlight was a visit to St Anne's Church and school where they literally walked in the footsteps of Brother Walfrid.

"To follow in the footsteps of one of the founding fathers, here in east London is fantastic." said Tony.

"It's important in terms of who we are and why we were formed 125 years ago and to think that he spent the last 15 years of his career in this church, working in the local parish."

The problems that Brother Walfrid experienced over a century ago are still highly relevant in 2013 and are a fundamental part of the work of the Celtic FC Charity and Foundation.

"I was thinking what had happened here in a previous life almost, how life would've been like in the east end of London," added Tony. "There's still trouble and poverty in the East End of Glasgow and in the East End of London so there is still a lot of work to be done and we look forward to working with our partners in the future."

Celtic representatives at St Paul's Way Community Centre

On the steps of St Anne's

New boys aiming for top flight

FC HAMLETS are in buoyant mood for the new season as they maintain an unbeaten run in warm-up matches for the new campaign.

Their latest victory came against tough Sungate FC of Basildon in their fourth pre season friendly. FC Hamlets won 2-1 and. manager Ashley J King was full of praise for his enthusiastic and talented side.

This victory comes on the back of a 1-0 successs against Barking Borough, a resounding 8-0 victory over Joel FC and a 1-1 draw against Tower Hamlets.

The win over Sungate saw two fine goals at the end of each half from Lawrie With while the back five of keeper, Nick Pyne, Ian Morris, Lawrie With, Kevin Baudrier and Tom Clancy were solid from the off.

The midfield trio of Rhonan Casey, George Oakley and Allan Smith all played well keeping the ball and switching the play brilliantly while up front Simon Siriboe, Ishmael Carter and Jonnie Jeannevol showed great attacking flair against potential future opponents.

Manager Ashley J King, assistant manager Senie Emmanuel and coach Freddie Rogers all praised the lads for showing great fitness, passing ability, and footballing.

FC Hamlets also have a Sunday side run by Jimi-Dean Shepeard and they have also had a good pre-season so far as they build a side to compete in the Premier Division of the City Airport League. For all news and information on FC Hamlets visit **www.fchamlets.co.uk**

Ship ahoy

Sailors set off this week for a 40,000-mile round the world yacht race.

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In the footsteps of legends

Students at Queen Mary, University of London, will be following in the footsteps of Olympic legends after it was agreed this week they could use the facilities at the Queen Elizabeth Park.

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Morpeth sign a big money deal

BY PETER FAULKNER

TWO years ago Morpeth Table Tennis Club became the envy of its rivals when it opened a £1.1 million state-of-the-art, purpose-built centre in Bethnal Green.

Now they have moved into the big league with news of a lucrative four-year equipment and team sponsorship deal with two of the biggest names in table tennis – equipment suppliers, Bribar and German-based Joola.

The club, based in Morpeth Street, will now be known as Joola Morpeth and the new sponsors are keen to develop the club across Europe.

This includes the option of exchange visits with other Joola clubs in Germany and elsewhere in Europe,which can only help improve the standard of many players and not just the existing elite players such as Gavin Rumgay, Michael O'Driscoll, Lorestas Trumpauskas, Richard Andrews, Emran Hussain, Niall Cameron, Stephen Beerling, Sherwin Remata, and Tin Tin Ho.

To illustrate Joola's commitment to the club, they sent two of their best players, Joerg Rosskopf (pictured above) and Chen Weixing, to support two other top German coaches during a summer camp held last month, including an exhibition match.

"We were delighted that all the under-18 places at the Joola Morpeth summer camp were free, including those for players invited from other London clubs," said chairman, John Payne.

"This was made possible by donations from various sources, including £1,500 from the Canary Wharf Group, and forms part of the club's commitment to the development of table tennis within the community."

In the new season, Joola Morpeth TTC will continue to host a wide range of top events, including the ETTA National Junior and Cadet League.

For more details visit **www.morpeththttc.co.uk** or email **morpeththttc@gmail.com**

Chen Weixing, who gave an exhibition during a Morpeth summer camp

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Laugh along at Lee's place

Roger Monkhouse is appearing at the Backyard Comedy Club

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Out & about

Comedy

Canary Wharf Comedy Club
After taking a break for the summer, the Canary Wharf Comedy Club returns with a line-up including magical comedian Pete Firman, young stand-up and comic performer Jimmy McGhie, Canadian Dana Alexander and Joe Lycett.
Mon, Sept 23. 7.15pm (doors open at 6.30pm). £12.
East Wintergarden, 43 Bank Street, Canary Wharf, E14
Tickets www.seetickets.com or 0871 220 0260

Events

The St Katharine Docks Classic Boat Festival
St Katharine Docks celebrates its 5th year of taking part in the Thames Festival
The first weekend sees an array of vessels, Sea Cadets, walking tours and the opportunity to get on the river as well as a selection of stalls from the Good Food Market. Over the second weekend the theme is Dunkirk Little Ships.
September 7, 8, 14 & 15.
11am-6pm.
http://thamesfestival.org/
https://twitter.com/stkats

The Festival of Heat – London Chilli Festival
Celebrating all things chilli, with a market featuring chilli growers from across the UK, food stalls with chilli-inspired menus, a café and bar serving chilli-inspired cocktails and and sweet treats.
There are also cooking demonstrations, a picnic area, live music and fun for kids.
Noon-6pm.
Spitalfields City Farm, Buxton Street, E1.
7247 8762
www.spitalfieldscityfarm.org

Farmers' market
Traditional market featuring artisan foods being produced in Tower Hamlets and surrounding boroughs. From further afield, farmers will be selling fruit, vegetables, seafood, me at and cheese.
Sats, Sept 7, 14, 21, 28.
10am-4pm.
Wood Wharf, Canary Wharf.
www.canarywharf.com

London Tattoo Convention
The annual body art festival featuring around 300 international tattooists offering their services, plus live music, cabaret shows and performances. Plus a beer fest, food and stalls selling alternative clothing and lifestyle merchandise.
Fri, Sept 27, Sat, Sept, 28, Sun Sept 29. Times vary.
£20-£30 adv, £25-£35 on the door, £55 weekend pass, accompanied under-14s free.
Tobacco Dock, 50 Porters Walk, E1W.
www.thelondontattooconvention.com

Exhibitions

Thomas Mailaender, The Night Climbers of Cambridge
French multimedia curating vintage photographs depicting nocturnal climbers during the interwar period. This unusual hobby seems very close to the artist's current preoccupation: to turn social and cultural behaviours into a fun and funny way.
Sept 19 to Oct 20.
Roman Road Project Space, 69 Roman Road, E2.

Sculptures from The Ingram Collection of Modern British Art
Bronze sculptures from the biggest privately owned, publicly accessible collection of modern British art. The exhibition will bring together important works by major artists, including Elisabeth Frink, Lynn Chadwick and Kenneth Armitage.
Mon, Sept 16 to Fri, Nov 15.
Lobby, One Canada Square, Canary Wharf.

Connections Between People and Land
Collective photographic exhibition by The Art Collective at Oxford House. The one constant theme is people and land, from Ben Gold's Festival Nights, to Celia Topping's travel photography. Free.
Sept 3-30.
Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2.
www.oxfordhouse.org.uk

Kids

Little Mudlarks toddlers group: Messy Mondays
Learn, play and explore every Monday during term-time in this fun, hands-on and creative session for toddlers up to 5 years old and carers. Explore mudlarks gallery and soft play area and then enjoy a messy creative session. Advance booking only.
Mons, 10-10.50am; 11-11.50am.
Museum of London Docklands, 1 Warehouse, West India Quay London E14
7001 9844

Music

The Musicians' Company Consort
The Worshipful Company of Musicians' annual celebration of Bach cantatas returns to Bishopsgate Institute with a specially-selected consort from the Royal College of Music playing on period instruments and with two outstanding young singers, both Musicians' Company prize-winners. Free. No booking required.
Tues, Sept, 10 2013 1.05pm.
7392 9200

Victoria Park Singers
New term for community choir which launches Weds, Sept 25.
The cost of the term is £80.
The Royal Inn on the Park, 111 Lauriston Road, E9.
7-8.45pm.
info@victoriaparksingers.co.uk
www.victoriaparksingers.co.uk

Theatre

Love n Stuff
A year on from Wah! Wah! Girls, award-winning writer Tanika Gupta returns with comedy Love n Stuff, starring Rina Fatania and Tony Jayawardena.
This funny, fast-paced and show will see two actors play a breath-taking 20 characters.
Fri, Sept 13 to Sat Oct 5. £12.50-£15 (£8.50 - £10 concs).
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Enjoy festival first at Chrisp Street Market

BY RUSSELL COTMAN

THINK the festival season is over? Think again. The first Chrisp Street Festival is on this Sunday, September 8 to prolong the summer that bit longer.

It might not be Glastonbury, but the free event includes top bands, fairground rides, creative workshops, street performers public art displays and a pop-up cinema.

Internationally renowned musicians will perform alongside local talent.

Acts include Wara, whose debut album was given four stars by the Guardian, Beatbox Collective – who have performed at Glastonbury and The Big Chill – Hackney Colliery Band and Trio Manouche.

Hackney Globe Trotter will DJ and compere.

Children can try mask making, face painting and expressive art workshops.

In a nod to the market's Festival of Britain root, there will be classic cars, Lindy hop lessons, history talks and 1950s-style make-up artists.

The festival will also include ten stalls from young entrepreneurs involved in the somewhereto_re:store campaign, which sees young people take over spaces across the UK over the summer period.

Some of the regular Chrisp Street Market stalls, pubs and cafés will also open, alongside street food stalls and a vintage Citroen Coffee Van.

The festival takes place across two venues: Chrisp Street Market and Langdon Park. A Routemaster bus will transport visitors between the sites. A parade at 3pm will cover the route.

The event, organised by housing association Poplar Harca, starts at 11am and finishes around 9pm.

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Wara are one of the star attractions

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Funny woman with a sharp edge

Angie McEvoy, appearing at the Backyard Comedy Club, has a friendly, gossipy manner, which belies material that becomes increasingly barbed and wryly cynical.

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Alpha Grove Community Centre, Alpha Grove E14 8LH.
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energize4girlzdance@gmail.com

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St Matthias Community Centre, 113 Poplar High St, E14.
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Every Thurs, 4pm for ages 3-5, 4.40pm for ages 6-8. Alpha Grove Community Centre Alpha Grove E14.
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7093 3146

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Dance and movement for parents/carers and children aged 1-5.
Tues, 1.45-2.45pm, £1.50 (concessions available).
Language of Dance Centre, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2.
7749 1131

Lol in Hurst's Backyard

EAST END comic Lee Hurst's reborn Backyard Comedy Club is starting to get into its stride.

There are more than a dozen comedy nights this month, featuring established names and some of the best upcoming talent in the business.

Highlights include new weekly Friday and Saturday night stand-up sessions.

This Friday's gig will be MC-ed by Jonny Awsum, who will be introducing Just For Laughs Festival veteran and Canadian Comedy Awards nominee Allyson Smith

Also on the bill are Welsh-Egyptian funnyman Omar Handi who mines laughs from culture clashes, media and social commentary and political insights, and Roger Monkhouse known for his laconic delivery and enquiring mind.

Jonny Awsum

On Saturday, Angie McEvoy takes charge of proceedings, with Carl Donnelly and a second appearance by Monkhouse.

The venue, London's newest purpose-built comedy club, has room for 300 people. Food includes handmade burgers, pizzas, cake and there is a licensed bar. Shows start at 8pm

Tickets may be available on the door, but booking is recommended.

Friday: £10 in advance, or before 7.15pm on the door; £13 after 7.15pm. Saturday: £13 in advance, or before 7.15pm on the door; £16 after 7.15pm.

The club is at 231 Cambridge Heath Rd, Bethnal Green.

See **http://backyard bar.co.uk** for more details.

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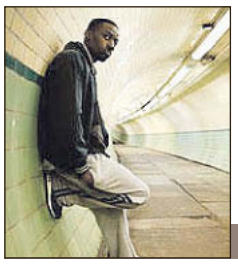

Fantastic for film buffs

The Man Inside (pictured) is one of the films featuring in the British Urban Film Festival when it rolls into Oxford House, in Derbyshire Street, Bethnal Green for one day only.

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7481 1911

Rhyme time
Thurs, 2-3 pm. Watney Market Library, 30-32 Watney Market, E1.
7790 4039

Young & talented?
Performing arts group for 6- to 16-year-olds. Sats, 10.30am-1.30pm, term-time. Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2.
8556 5348

Music

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Dance and movement play
For parents/carers and their children aged 1-5. Weds, 10-11.15am until Mar 30. Free. Language of Dance Centre, Oxford House, Derbyshire Street, E2.
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Quality Control

Urban movie adventure

THE British Urban Film Festival arrives at Oxford House on September 7

Throughout the day, British urban film talent will be showcased and there will be exclusive Q&A sessions with the directors and actors involved.

The Man Inside: Directed by Dan Turner (Q&A with Jessica Mellor, Dan Turner & guests) Doors: 1.30pm / Tickets: £10.

Clayton Murdoch (played by Ashley 'Bashy' Thomas) was exposed, by his father, to murder and gang culture. With his father now in prison, Clayton struggles to overcome what he was groomed to be.

Latvia: Directed by Barry Derbyshire (Q&A with Shereen Miranda & guests) Doors: 4.15pm / Tickets: £10.

Set in London, this is the story of two men and the greed and violence that corrupts their childhood friendship.

Quality Control: (UK premiere) Directed by Bernard Kordieh (Q&A with Akosua Annobil & guests). Doors: 6.15pm / Tickets: £10.

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Pensioners group for bingo and social. Weds, 2-4pm. Dockland Settlements, 197 East Ferry Road, E14.
7987 6824

Little Spitz' under-5s playgroup
Sun, 10am-12pm, 50p. Tours and stories. Spitalfields City Farm, Buxton Street, E1.
7247 8762

Tower Hamlets U3A
Tower Hamlets University of the Third Age offer courses for over-50s to learn T'ai Chi, jazz appreciation, art appreciation, history walking and more. £7.50 yearly membership. Various days and times. St Margaret's House Settlement, 21 Old Ford Road, E2.
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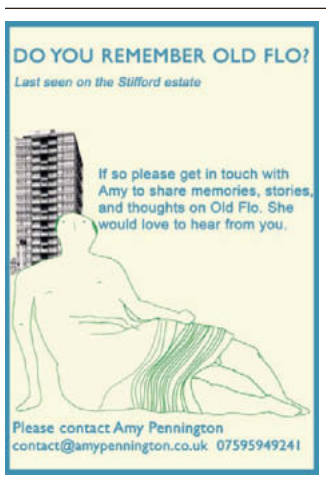

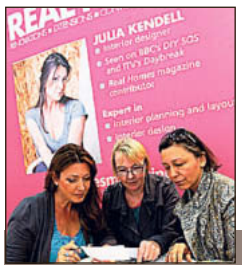

Top advice

Interior designer Julia Kendell will be among those giving advice.

DETAILS BELOW

You've got to be in it to win it...

To enter the competition below, send your name, address and phone number on a postcard , with the right answer to: East End Life, Town Hall, Mulberry Place, 5 Clove Crescent, Poplar E14 2BG by Wednesday, September 11 or email...

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Reader offer

Get some inspiration

ONE of the UK's fastest growing home improvement events is returning to London this September, offering advice and property enhancing solutions for the serious home improver.

The National Home Improvement Show will bring together more than 300 exhibitors from across the UK.

Leading property and renovation experts will be on hand to guide and inspire visitors through their home renovation projects with seminars, masterclasses and one-to-one consultations taking place each day. New features for this year include the Planning Clinic, Homebuilding and Renovating Zone, and the Ask the Architects Advice clinic designed to kick-start your home improvements.

From urban minimalist living spaces to shabby chic bedrooms, visitors will find a plethora of design hints and tips at the Interior Design Clinic. Head there for advice on colour schemes, furnishings, lighting and flooring ideas.

For the first time, the show will host a Homebuilding and Renovating Zone. Whether you're about to embark on remodelling your existing property or undertaking a major extension, you can find specialist knowledge and DIY tips from experts, whatever the scale or stage of your project.

If you are a keen to go green, the show provides visitors with an abundance of information on how to reduce your bills and implement eco savvy products.

Take your plans to the Ask the Architect area and the team's knowledge of space, structure, lights, materials and texture will ensure visitors are provided with a bespoke design to fit their individual lifestyle.

Stop by the Tricks of the Trade area to soak up useful tips and get stuck in to save money on your household projects.

The show takes place from September 27-29 at Olympia exhibition centre.

For more information and tickets visit the website **www.improveyourhomeshow.co.uk** or call the ticket hotline on 0844 581 0802. Tickets are £12 if booked in advance and £16 on door.

■ East End Life has ten pairs of tickets to give away.

To enter a draw for a pair, answer the following question and send your entry, including your full name, address and phone number, to the address or email in the top panel (above) by September 11. Competition rules apply.

Q: Name one of the new features at this year's show.

Get some useful tips in the Tricks of the Trade Theatre

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Eating out, eating in

Hitting the right spot

BY GORDON BLUE

STRINGRAY Globe Café is nestled at the east end of Columbia Road and is a welcome oasis of good cheer and bonhomie at the end of a trying day.

We were warmly greeted by waiting staff and shown to our table.

Warning: this place gets busy, particularly at weekends, so I booked in advance which gave us a chance to take in the atmosphere of the famous Columbia Road, which began as a pathway for sheep to be taken to Smithfields Market, and is now, more charmingly, London's premier flower market and go-to destination on a Sunday.

Stringray is mainly about pizzas, and rightly so; they hit the spot in both quality and quantity so I couldn't have been happier. I did go a bit 'green-eyed ...' over someone's folded calzone though, which was so large it bordered on obscene.

We started with a spicy chorizo sausage with salad and king prawns in a creamy tomato sauce. Presentation left something to be desired and ingredients looked a little 'plonked' but function over form was the order of the evening and the dishes were delicious, with well-balanced seasoning and generous quantities.

For mains we had a four-cheese pizza (quattro formaggi for the fancy-pants among us – mozzarella, gorgonzola, parmesan and ricotta cheeses) and a fiorentina pizza (baked egg, spinach, garlic, black olives and mozzarella) – what's not to like! Other dishes and specials include baked fish, lasagne and risottos, so Italian-centric alternative options are available for all.

There was an error with one of our pizza toppings but the mistake was swiftly corrected and dealt with charmingly so all was quickly forgiven.

The ambience and interiors are a bit rough and ready but perfect for a meal after drinks at one of the nearby twinkly pubs. Pricing is consistently excellent with all pizzas in the £6-£8 range. With portions and prices like these, why would anyone go to a pizza chain?

Stingray offers both quality and quantity

Two ate two courses, including two enormous pizzas washed down with some rather cheeky wines, for less than £50 total, including service.

And for the coeliacs among us, they impressively offer gluten-free pasta and pizzas.

They also have a takeaway service.

■ **Stringray Globe Café, Bar & Pizzeria is at 109 Columbia Road, E2. Tel: 7613 1141, or visit www.stringraycafe.co.uk**

Enjoy great grub

AS the first charity to create awareness of the link between diet and cancer risk, World Cancer Research Fund produces all kinds of healthy recipes – including for the Great Grub Club, a free club for 4-to 7-year-olds in Tower Hamlets and Hackney.

On joining, kids receive the Passport to Good Health membership pack and a free quarterly magazine to help them develop healthy habits.

For more information on the Great Grub Club visit the website www.greatgrubclub.com or to sign up call 7343 4200 or email **foodsmart@wcrf.org**

Vegetable Cumberland Pie – serves 2

Ingredients

2 large potatoes (400g/16oz in total), peeled and quartered
150 ml/quarter pint semi-skimmed milk
2 tbsp olive oil
1 onion (60g/2oz), chopped
1 clove garlic, peeled
Half a butternut squash (200g/8oz), peeled, de-seeded and cut into small chunks
Half a red pepper (80g/3oz), de-seeded and chopped
3 mushrooms (50g/2oz), wiped and chopped
1 medium courgette (150g/6oz), washed and cut into small chunks
2 heaped tbsp plain flour
1 tsp sweet paprika
220g/9oz butter beans, drained
Black pepper

Method

1. Pre-heat the oven to 190°C/375°F/gas mark 5. Boil the potatoes, drain and make a soft mash using some of the milk.
2. In a saucepan cook the chopped onion in the olive oil. Crush the garlic into the pan and add the butternut squash, red pepper, mushrooms and courgettes, and sauté for 3-4 minutes.
3. Sprinkle the flour and sweet paprika into the pan. Cook for 1 minute on a low heat.
4. Gradually add the milk, stirring all the time, to form a sauce.
5. Stir the drained butter beans into the sauce with some black pepper and pour the contents into an ovenproof dish.
6. Top with the mashed potato and bake in the oven for 30 minutes, until golden brown.
7. Serve with a portion of lightly cooked green vegetables, like broccoli or cabbage, or some sliced tomatoes.

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The Trustees of Action for Bow invite applications for grants to support projects in Bow East and Bow West wards

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- training and employment projects encouraging young people to become economically active
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- healthy living initiatives especially intergenerational projects and those supporting older people
- community safety initiatives, especially those supporting women and teenagers
- supporting projects with getting people into employment
- supporting projects for people with mental and physical disability

Grants for these autumn activities, usually not exceeding £10,000, to be available from January 2014, may be discussed with Ahmed Hussain below.

Closing Date for Applications: 5.00pm on Friday 4th October 2013

Applications and Enquiries
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Bromley by Bow Centre, Learning Team,
St Leonards Street, London E3 3BT

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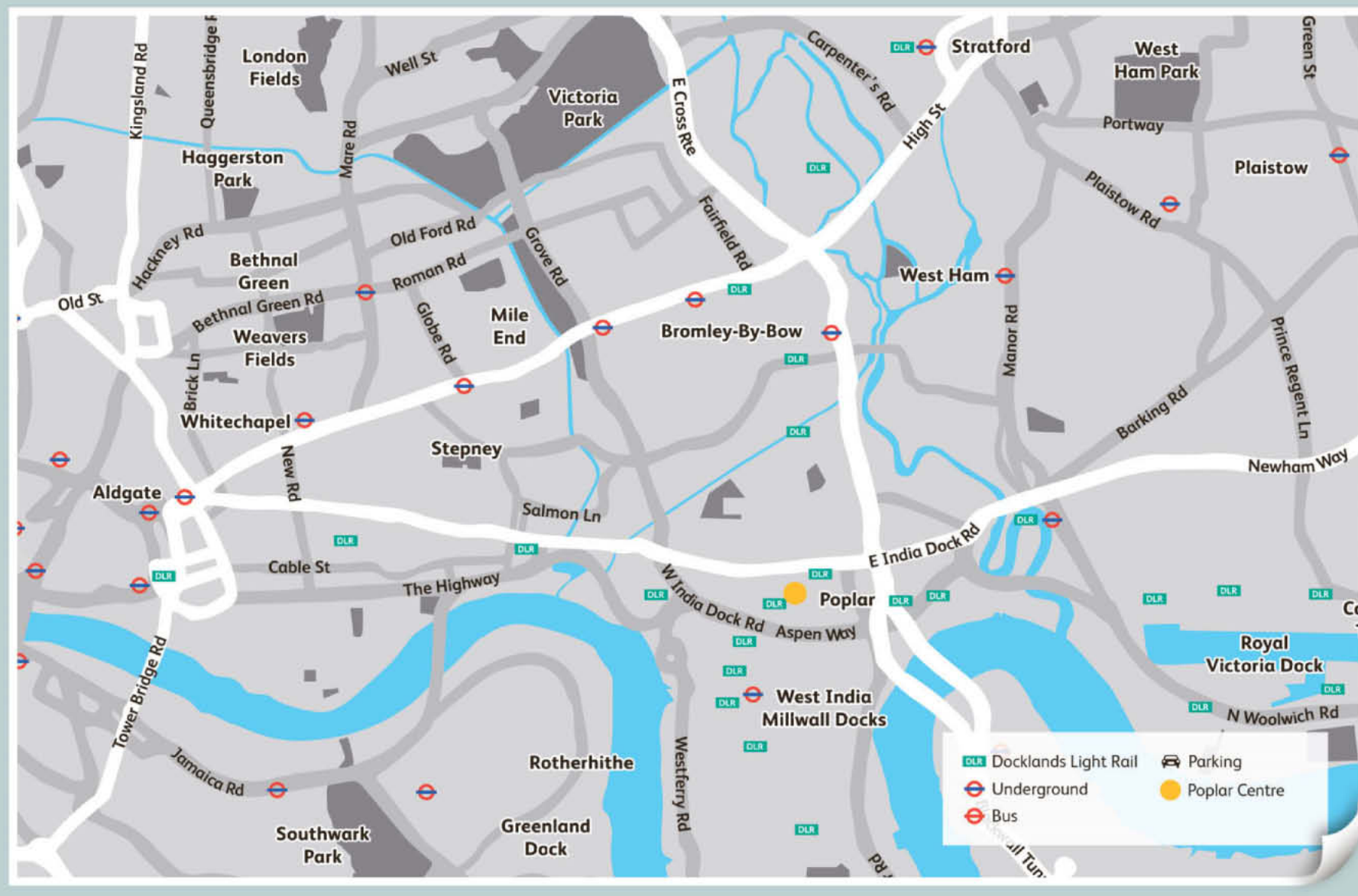

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